



THE PARABLES OF JESUS
“THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND THE TARES”
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THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND THE TARES IS VERY CLOSELY RELATED TO THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS. THIS PARABLE DEALS WITH THE MYSTERY OF SIN AND THE MALICE OF SATAN. IT IS INTRODUCED BY THE WORDS “ANOTHER PARABLE”. THE WORD TRANSLATED “ANOTHER” IS *ALLOS*, WHICH MEANS “ANOTHER OF THE SAME KIND.” SO, THIS PARABLE IS ANOTHER OF THE SAME KIND OF PARABLE AS THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS. IN THIS PARABLE AND THE TWO OTHERS WHICH ARE IN THIS CHAPTER AND SECTION, OUR LORD TAUGHT THAT GOD’S WORK IN THE WORLD IN THIS AGE WILL BE OPPOSED, HINDERED, AND COUNTERED WITH TIRELESS PERSISTENCE. IN THIS PARABLE THE THEME IS *CONFRONTATION* AND THE EMPHASIS IS ON THE “DIABOLICAL”---THE ACTIVITY OF SATAN.

THE SOWING

JESUS INDICATES THAT THE FIELD IS NOT THE CHURCH, NOR IS IT THE RELIGIOUS WORLD, BUT THE WORLD, THE CREATED WORLD WHICH IS FULL OF LOST SOULS. IN THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS THE SEED IS THE GOSPEL; SCRIPTURE, THE WORD OF GOD, IS SOWN INTO THE HEARTS OF MEN. BUT IN THIS PARABLE, SONS ARE SOWN INTO THE WORLD. THESE ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD. IN THIS PARABLE THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF SEED: “GOOD SEED” AND “TARES.” THERE ARE ALSO TWO KINDS OF SOWING: DIVINE SOWING AND DIABOLICAL SOWING. ACCORDING TO JESUS, “THE GOOD SEED ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE KINGDOM,” AND THE “TARES ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE WICKED ONE.”

THE GROWING

THE GOOD SEED AND THE “WHEAT” SYMBOLIZE THE SAME THING. WHEAT IS DESIGNED BY THE CREATOR TO ILLUSTRATE THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE WORLD. WHEAT IS A HARDY ANNUAL WITH SHALLOW ROOTS THAT DO NOT GO DOWN DEEPLY INTO THE SOIL. WHEAT IS NOT DEEPLY ANCHORED TO THIS WORLD. ITS DESTINY IS TO PASS RAPIDLY FROM THIS SCENE IN SUCCESSIVE HARVESTS. WHEAT DIES DOWNWARD AS IT RIPENS UPWARD; THE STALK AND THE ROOT ARE DEAD WHEN THE GRAIN IS RIPE. JUST SO, THE CHRISTIAN IS TO DIE TO THIS WORLD AS HE RIPENS FOR HEAVEN. GOD HAS HIS WHEAT IN THE WORLD TODAY. HIS CHILDREN ARE SCATTERED EVERYWHERE. THEY TAKE ROOT, FLOURISH, AND BEAR GOLDEN WITNESS TO THE FACT THAT GOD IS AT WORK IN THE WORLD. IN CONTRAST, THE DEVIL SOWS TARES AMONG THE WHEAT. APPARENTLY THE TARES WERE “DARNEL” A POISONOUS RYE GRASS WHICH SO RESEMBLES WHEAT THAT WHILE THE TWO ARE GROWING, YOU CAN BARELY DISTINGUISH ONE FROM THE OTHER. SATAN PUTS PEOPLE WHO CLOSELY RESEMBLE CHRISTIANS INTO THE FIELD OF THE WORLD TO MINGLE WITH GOD’S PEOPLE AND CREATE DISCORD AND HAVOC.

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**SOUTH POINT
BAPTIST CHURCH**

Finding God's Direction for Life



THE MOWING

AFTER IDENTIFYING THE FOE, THE LORD DIRECTED THE DISCIPLES' ATTENTION TO THE FUTURE. THE LORD OF THE HARVEST WAS NOT SURPRISED BY WHAT HAD HAPPENED, BUT THE SERVANTS WANTED TO GATHER UP THE TARES. THE MASTER SAID NOT TO DO SO BECAUSE THEY WOULD ALSO DIG UP THE WHEAT. HE SAID TO EXERCISE PATIENCE. WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR THE HARVEST HOWEVER, THE WHEAT WOULD BE SEPARATED FROM THE TARES. THE WORK OF SEPARATING THE TRUE FROM THE FALSE IS NOT LEFT TO US; IT IS RESERVED FOR THE ANGELS. THERE WILL BE THE BUNDLING, AND THEN THE BURNING. THE PROCESS OF BUNDLING IS GOING ON ALREADY. UNBELIEVERS ARE BEING GATHERED TOGETHER IN VARIOUS FALSE CULTS. THE TARES WILL BE BURNED UP, WHILE THE WHEAT WILL BE TAKEN INTO THE BARNS(HEAVEN).

JESUS WARNS US AGAINST SATANIC TEACHERS WHO POSE AS CHRISTIAN TEACHERS AND MISSIONARIES. IN THE END TIMES THERE WILL BE MORE. WE WOULD DO WELL TO PAY HEED TO HIS WORDS.