

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares (Matthew 13:24-30, 32-43)

- After Jesus healed the man who was rendered mute & blind many said:
“**could this be the Son of David**” (12:22) Pharisees plotted against Jesus.
- Jesus answered their accusations: 12: 28 **But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you**
- Jesus declared to them that the kingdom of God had come upon them.
- If the kingdom had come, disciples were struggling, why such resistance

I. The Kingdom of God has come and the problem of Evil (13:24-30)

- V 24 He put forth a parable to the people, the kingdom of heaven is like
 - “A man who sowed good seed in His field” – something evil occurred!
 - An enemy sowed tares among the wheat during the cover of darkness
 - Tares so close to wheat, they couldn’t tell the difference up until harvest
 - Master tells the servants to leave the tares with the wheat until harvest
- At harvest wheat & tares separated: tares burned, wheat gathered in barn

II. The Promise We Must Hold on To! (13:36-43)

- Jesus’ disciples ask Him to interpret parable of the wheat & tares (v.36)
- Sower of the good seed: the Son of Man. The field is ‘the world’
- Good seed: sons of the Kingdom; Tares: sons of the wicked one (Satan)
- Enemy who sowed: Satan. Harvest: end of the age. Harvesters: angels

III. Concluding and Applicable Principles for us Today

- Jesus’ plan: His kingdom citizens be sown in world to influence it (24)
- As Jesus’ kingdom grows in this world, evil will also be present (25-28)
- Not our role to remove evil from the presence of this world (28-29)
- Patiently persevere in faith, in time Jesus will remove evil, harvest (30)