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Seperation of the Wheat from the Tares - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2004/5/27 12:43

I am posting this because a friend recently was shown something by the Lord about "tares"- we think. I just read this and though it is by someone in the prophetic movement- I believe it is right on.

In Matthew 13:39 the Lord said that "...the harvest is the end of the age..." As we have said, the harvest that comes at the end of the age is the maturing and reaping of everything which has been sown in man, both the good and the evil. This is more apparent when we read the whole context of this statement in Matthew 13:36-43:

Then He left the multitudes, and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." And He answered and said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. "Therefore just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Here we see that there will be two "seeds" maturing at the end. Both are going to be gathered together. So, the separation of the wheat and the tares is also the gathering of the same into their own groups. One is so it can be burned, and the other to shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

In the parable of the wheat and the tares, when the laborers discovered the tares growing with the wheat, they asked the landowner if they should gather the tares. He replied that this could jeopardize the wheat. He commanded them to "allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn" (verse 30). Until now the wheat has had many tares mixed in with it. **These are the hypocrites, and those who continue to "practice sin" while claiming to serve Christ.** These will be separated from the true "wheat" in the coming times, and the church will become as pure and holy as the Lord deserves from His own bride.

This is not to imply that those who sin are "tares," as there is a difference between "practicing sin," and stumbling occasionally as James affirmed that everyone does (see James 3:2). There is a difference between those who claim to be righteous, but actually love sin more, and those who seek to live a holy and righteous life, and love righteousness, though they occasionally fall to sin. This will become more clear in this study.

So two of the signs that we are coming to the end of the age will be the maturity of the wheat and the tares, and the separating of them from one another into their own groups. In this the tares are described as "stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness" (Matthew 13:41). These are gathered out of the kingdom by angels or messengers, and they are gathered into bundles so they can be burned. In the timetable of the last day events, we are just in the first stages of this gathering.

As this proceeds, there will be a great, and at times very difficult, separation coming in the church. To prepare for this I have tried to lay a foundation of the redemptive and restorative purposes of the Lord. It is not the Lord's desire for a single soul to perish. As we are told in James 2:13, "...mercy triumphs over judgment." The Lord would much rather show mercy than judgment, even to the worst sinner. However, there is a time when those who are truly given to sin and lawlessness will no longer be tolerated in His church.

Once when I was riding in a car with James Robison, he pointed out something to me in a wheat field that I have never forgotten. He asked me if I could tell the difference between the wheat and the tares, to which I responded that I had no idea how to do this. He said they look very much alike, and it is hard to tell them apart until the harvest, **because when wheat matures it will bow over. However, the tares continue standing erect. In this we might say that the wheat becomes more humble as they mature, but tares become more arrogant.** Pride is at the root of all human sin, and pride will be found as the fundamental character flaw of those whom the Lord calls tares and stumbling blocks.

As Jack Deere once pointed out, if you take the chronological order in which the apostle Paul wrote his epistles, in one of the first he claims to not be inferior to the greatest apostles (see II Corinthians 11:5). In a letter written about five years later he claims to be **"the least of all apostles"** (I Corinthians 15:9). In a letter written a few years after that one, he claims to be "the least of all saints" (Ephesians 3:8). In one of his last letters he claims to be **"the greatest of sinners"** (I Timothy 1:5). The pattern here is quite obvious—**with increasing maturity there is increasing humility.**

My purpose in these studies has been to not only examine the signs of the times, but to share that which I believe can help us prepare for them. Let us now ask the Lord to send His Holy Spirit to examine our hearts for any evil way that is within us, to convict us of our sin, and to lead us to the Truth, Himself, so that we can be set free. In our study of the "man of sin," we will see the sin of man in its full maturity. As we look at this, we want to first see how this sin may have a part in our own lives, so we can humble ourselves seeking God's grace, and be set free. Only after we are free will we be able to see these things more clearly in others to help them get free. We must get free from the sin and lawlessness that is the reason for the final judgments coming upon this age. Those who do will begin to stand out too as those who "shine forth as the sun (Son)." They will begin to look like Jesus.

Re: Separation of the Wheat from the Tares - posted by RobertW (), on: 2004/5/27 14:45

Chanin,

Great post! It would be interesting to take a ride with James Robison. He has an awesome testimony in gaining victory over sin. He told in a sermon once (that was a pastors convention) about his struggle with lust and subsequent deliverance. It was one of the most powerful things I ever witnessed. He wrote a book about it "Thank God I'm Free!"

I have a message titled: "Sheep, Goats, and Wolves." In that message I preach to youth it deals with knowing the dangers between the wolf and the goat. A 'goat' may sit around for years and graze in the pasture- but the wolf is there to devour the flock. When does a 'goat' become a 'wolf'- when they start placing other peoples souls (especially young believers) at risk with their teachings and sin. The Shepherd has to guard the flock from wolves. If not, there will be missing sheep and dry bones everywhere- hidden in the white washed tombs of pretense and deception. Wolves- in sheep clothing they are. God give us the discernment and understanding of this! And the resolve to deal with it.

God Bless!

-Robert

Re: Separation of the Wheat from the Tares - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2004/5/27 14:50

I am adding this as a follow up. As "suffering" plays a part in this.

I would like to share with you some thoughts I have had on one of Jesus' parables. He told a parable about the harvest at the end time. We know it as "the parable of the wheat and the tares." This is what He said.

Quote:
-----24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;
25 "but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.
26 "But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.
27 "So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'
28 "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'
29 "But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.
30 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"
(Matthew 13:24-30, NKJV).

The phrase, "while men slept," got my attention. The founding apostles and fathers of the Church were on watch for the "ravenous wolves" to spring up in the new Church as it was forming (See Matt. 7:15 & Col. 2:8). But as history bares out, Satan had the apostles all killed off early on, except John who was exiled to a remote island. In this sense, these men "slept" (See Matt. 9:24). They being removed by the enemy, made room for Satan to come in and sow the tares who's teachings are still mixed in with the true doctrines of the early apostles to this day. "But when the grain had sprouted and

produced a crop, then the tares also appeared." The seeds of the false were planted early on.

I did a study years ago on tares. In America they are called "wild oats." In the wheat country of the northwest, where I grew up, they are called the Bearded Darnel. The Darnel in itself is not poisonous. It could be eaten and cause one no harm. The problem is that it plays host to a fungus called the Ergot Smut fungus, which is deadly to both men and beast.

This is the problem with those who are hypocrites that find safe haven in God's field. A little leavening will spoil the whole lump. But in God's wisdom He forbids his servants from uprooting them before the harvest, lest the wheat be ruined in the process.

The way the farmer deals with the wild oats, is to run them through a thrasher that first removes the chaff from the wheat and at the same time runs it over a sieve which allows the smaller Darnel to fall through and be cast off with the chaff. The deadly fungus goes away with it. Thus you see the need of trials in our lives to remove the chaff and to cast off the poisonous influences of the enemy.

Once the wheat is collected, it is ready to be ground into a fine powder that we know as flour. Losing its own identity and taking on that of the Lord's for it is then we become one with Bread of Life.

Jesus prayed:

21 "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

22 "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one. (John 17:21-22, NKJV).

Make us so, Lord. Blessings to you all, in Christ.

-Michael Clark-

Not only this but I believe from what I read from Martin Luther that the tares will be a source of suffering for the wheat.

Quote:
-----but that there must be also false Christians and heretics in order that the true Christians may be approved, as St. Paul says in 1 Cor. 2:19

Quote:
-----They lament because of it before the Lord, in the heartfelt prayer of their spirit. For the sower of the good seed says again, they should not uproot it, that is, they should have patience, and suffer such blasphemy, and commend all to God; for although the tares hinder the wheat, yet they make it the more beautiful to behold, compared with the tares, as St. Paul also says in 1 Cor. 2:19: "For there must be false factions among you, that they that are approved may be made manifest among you."

Re: While the men slept - posted by Jimm (), on: 2004/5/30 10:26

Chanin,

Â"While the men slept" also go my attention. It made me think of the scripture 1 Corinthians 15:6 "After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep." In a sense, we as believers have a responsibility for our brethren (are we our brothers' keepers.) If our light is not shining then the darkness around us prevails, tares are sown. Not that it is us who convert people, but the light of Christ in us and the grace of his election.

James