

# Time To Get Rid of Weeds? Not Yet!

Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43

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## 1. The success of the enemy to sow **confusion** (24-28a)

It happened at night, unnoticed

Oversowing an already planted field; bioterrorism

Weeds/tares = *darnel* a **poisonous** weed, lookalike

## 2. The **survival** of the wheat until the harvest (28b-30a)

“Not yet! Why wait?”

You may uproot the good wheat too

Difference becomes **evident** when grain ripens

## 3. The certainty of judgment and **reward** (30; 40-43)

One who sowed the good seed = Son of Man (Dan. 7:13-14)

field = the world (also vs.41 “*will weed out of his kingdom*”)

good seed = sons/daughters of the kingdom

weeds/darnel = sons/daughters of the evil one

enemy = the devil

harvest = the end of the age

harvesters = angels

## 4. Why shouldn't we pull up the noxious weeds?

God's kingdom is bigger than what I can **see**

God's **patience** exceeds mine (2 Pet. 3:9, 15)

God's servants do His work and “I'm no **angel** !”

God is **sovereign** over the timing of the harvest

God's **justice** is perfectly applied

Wicked go into a fiery furnace (Dan. 3:6)

Righteous will shine like the sun (Dan. 12:3)

## *On Your Own* (better with others)

1. READ Matthew 13:10-13. Jesus' parables are meant to reveal truth to receptive hearts, but to conceal truth from hard hearts. Why do you think that some people “get it” and others don't?

2. Do you find Jesus' parables in Matthew 13, easy or hard to understand? What tools or Bible study aids do you find helpful?

3. What comfort do you take from the guarantee that the good seed will survive until the harvest and not be overwhelmed?

4. How would you answer a Mormon who believes that the true church died out between the apostolic age and Joseph Smith?

5. READ John 16:33 and 1 John 4:4 and 5:4-5. How do the sons and daughters of the kingdom of God experience victory?

6. Based on this parable, answer these four questions . . .

Who is God? \_\_\_\_\_

What has He done? \_\_\_\_\_

Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_

What am I to do? \_\_\_\_\_