

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL**  
**Subject: The Parables of the Lord Jesus**

**7 June 2020**

**Title: The Parable of the Wheat and Tares**  
**Sometimes called “The Parable of the Wheat and Weeds”**

**Text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

**THE FEATURES OF THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT AND TARES**  
Matthew 13:24-30

1. Subject: “The Kingdom of heaven” Matthew 13:24
  
2. The sower
  - a) He sowed good seeds
  
  - b) In the field Matthew 13:24
  
3. While men slept  
His servants
  
4. His enemy
  - a) He came
  
  - b) He sowed tares
  
  - c) He went away Matthew 13:25
  
5. Observation of the servants
  - a) Grain had sprouted
  
  - b) A crop was produced
  
  - c) The tares had grown too
  
6. The query of the servants
  - a) Good seed had been sown
  
  - b) How did the tares come up? Matthew 13:27
  
7. The answer  
An enemy has done this Matthew 13:28

8. A solution offered

- a) To remove the tares Matthew 13:28
- b) This seems a good solution

9. The reply of the Master

- a) No!
- b) If tares are taken out
- c) The wheat may be affected adversely Matthew 13:29
- d) Let both grow together until the harvest Matthew 13:30
- e) Reapers would be sent
  - i) Tares would be separated, tied into bundles and burnt
  - ii) Wheat would be taken into the barn Matthew 13:30

**THE EXPLANATION GIVEN**

**Matthew 13:37-43**

1. Request of the Disciples to explain the Parable of the Wheat and Tares  
Matthew 13:36

2. The Explanation given:

- a) The Sower  
He is the Son of Man Matthew 13:37
- b) The field  
The world Matthew 13:38a
- c) Good seeds  
The sons of the kingdom Matthew 13:38b
- d) The tares  
The sons of the wicked one Matthew 13:38c
- e) The enemy  
The devil Matthew 13:39a

- f) The harvest  
The end of the age Matthew 13:39b
  
- g) The reapers  
The angels of God Matthew 13:39c
  
- h) The tares will be gathered and burned Matthew 13:40
  
- i) Description of the Tares
  - i) Out of the kingdom Matthew 13:41a
  - ii) All things that offend Matthew 13:41b
  - iii) Those who practise lawlessness Matthew 13:41c
  - iv) They will be cast into the furnace of fire Matthew 13:42a
  
- j) Deep regret of the Tares  
“Wailing and gnashing of teeth” Matthew 13:42b
  
- k) The righteous
  - i) They will shine forth as the sun Matthew 13:43a
  - ii) In the kingdom of their Father Matthew 13:43b

**A SPECIAL WORD OF CHALLENGE**

“He who has ears to hear, let him hear” Matthew 13:43c