

The Enemy of The Kingdom

Week 3 - The Covenant, The King, and The Kingdom - (5-5-21)

Parable of the Tares - Matt. 13:24-30

The Seed Given - The Seed Sown - The Seed Received Some 30-60-100

1. Bad seed sown whether by the enemy or by our own doings, always creates problems and hardships.
2. Tares and hardships are like offenses, they will come, just like the thief comes. The most important thing is how we deal with them or respond to them.
 1. Tares are a tier above offenses, they will kill you.
3. We can choose not to be offended, but that is not always the case with tares.
4. Here is a good place to inject a thought: 2 Timothy 2:15, we really need to study and examine the seed that has been given to us to sow.
5. There is very little profit in focusing on the tares. if we study the good seed inside and out, know what it says, know what it sounds like, know what it looks like, and know what it feels like, you will be able to spot a counterfeit.
6. We often associate people with tares. Have you ever said, “that child is a holy tare?” That’s like saying a person is a sinner/saint. (They don’t go together) 1 John 4:1-6
7. I wonder which is more profitable, calling someone a tare or praying for their salvation and lending them a helping hand.
8. We never want to forget that we were all noxious weeds before we received the good seed.
9. Don’t let anyone convince you that you cannot grow among the tares, verse 30 says you can.
10. Verse 29 tells us that it’s not our place to remove them, it’s the reaper’s job. Matt. 13:37-43
11. Concerning the seed of the Word, we are sowers, not reapers. Mark 16:15-16 says, Go and preach the gospel and be witnesses and He will do the rest. (God gives the increase. 1 Corn. 3:6-11)
12. For someone to sow tares, they have an issue with, or what you stand for.
13. Don’t think it strange that the world hates you. John 15:18 & 25
14. We here in America are beginning to see the hatred towards Christians like other countries have seen for years.
15. The only way to overcome hatred is with love and forgiveness.
16. Luke 24:34 “Jesus said, Father forgive them; for they know not what they do.”
17. The word of God makes us knowledgeable of God’s plan for man. Romans 10:8-10

The Parable of the mustard seed. - Matt. 13:31-32

1. Seeds are a lot like yeast, once they are planted they become very hard to hide (Good or Bad).
2. Seeds have only one purpose, to bring increase.
 1. Are the seeds we are sowing, growing or are they they withering on the vine?
John 15:1-8
3. Sometimes we prepare the soil and plant the seed but fail to water it with prayer regularly.
4. If we prepare the soil and plant the seed that God has provided, I'm pretty sure He is up to blessing it.
5. We can understand all about agriculture and grow beautiful gardens and orchards, but if we don't understand the spiritual aspect of planting, we will come up short of the mark intended by God.
6. Don't worry about the size of the seed God asks you to sow; He can do great things with small seeds. (Little is much when the Lord is in it.)
7. Seeds have life and provision for the future.
8. Don't eat the seed that God has given you to plant.
9. It is the word, the seed sown by other believers for generations past that still gives us hope of a brighter day.
10. What kind of sower are we?
 1. Do we sow sparingly or bountiful?
 2. Do we sow for self or for others?
 3. Do we sow reluctantly or willingly?
 4. Do we sow out of necessity or out of obedience?
 5. Do we sow out of faith or doubt?
11. Love for God and others should be the motivation factor for sowing the seed of the word.
12. The bottom line is: if truth isn't preached and proclaimed, millions will perish
13. God has chosen the foolish to confound the wise. 1 Corin. 1:18 & 21
14. The same word or seed we plant is the same word that will govern in the millennium and eternity. Isaiah 2:2-3