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The parable of the tares ...Mt.13:24-30, 36-43

What is a tare? 13:25

Tare='darnel'; false wheat, cockle; makes one feel poisoned/drunk. May cause death.

What makes 'tares among the wheat' so much of a problem? 13:29

Hard to distinguish and so 'inter-twined' with the real, removal damages the real.

In contrast to the parable of the sower, how many sowers are there in the parable of the tares?

Two, the owner of the field and his enemy. Two sowers, two seeds, two harvests.

Who is the Man who sowed good seed in *His field*? 13:24, 37; Dan.7:13-14; Jn.12:27-36;

Son of Man is Jesus' favorite name for Himself. Entails His humility/humanity/deity.

What does Jesus say is the meaning of 'the field' and the *two seeds*? 13:38 see Ps.24:1

Field=world (not church); good seed=sons of kingdom (saved); darnel=sons of evil one.

What is the contrast between sowers in the first and second parable?

First: anyone sows the Gospel. Second: Son of Man sows true believers; Satan sows darnel.

Note: How does this relate then to the *local church* today? Mt.28:16-20

The Church assembles in local churches. The tares assemble with them! IICor.11:12-15

What is it about the darnel that is so important to understand?

The darnel (unsaved) are almost indistinguishable from real believers! By their fruits...

The two harvests...Mt.13:39-43

What is indicated by *not* attempting to remove darnel *before* the harvest? 13:28-29, 40-43

Even the Church can't always distinguish/safely remove! The real separation is at the End.

Describe the first harvest. 13:39-42

The Holy Angels pull out the darnel; burned in fiery furnace; weeping/gnashing of teeth.

Describe the second harvest. 13:30b, 43 see Rom.8:21-22

The righteous are gathered to Kingdom of their Father; They will shine like the sun!

And what's the urgent admonition to us? 13:43b see ICor.6:9-11

He who has ears to hear, listen! Tares->God makes wheat from tares! Wheat->Phil.2:14-16

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