

Wheat and Tares
Matt. 13:24-30, 37-43

I. Enemy's Work (24-30)

A. Owner's Seed & Enemy's Seed Grow Together

"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.

B. Servants Question

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?'

A' Master Answer: The Enemy's Work

²⁸ He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.'

B' Servants Question

The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'

A' Master's Crop & Enemy's Tares Harvested Together

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.'

II. Enemy's Sons (37-39)

A. Master: Son of Man

³⁷ He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.

1. Son of Man / Sower

B. Field: The World

³⁸ The field is the world,

2. World / Field

C. Good Seeds: Sons of the Kingdom

the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom,

3. Sons of The Kingdom

D. Tares: Sons of the Wicked One

but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.

4. Enemy's Sons

C' Enemy: The Devil

³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil,

5. Enemy of The Kingdom

B' Harvest: End Of The Age

the harvest is the end of the age,

6. Harvest of the World / Field

A' Reapers: The Angels

and the reapers are the angels.

7. Angels / Reapers

III. Enemies' Judgment (40-43)

⁴⁰ Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire,
so it will be at the end of this age.

⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels,
and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend,
and those who practice lawlessness,

⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire.

There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

- a. Tares will burn
- b. At End of This Age
- c. Angels Sent Out
- d. **Gather offenders**
- d' **Gather lawless ones**
- c' Angels Cast Into Fire
- b' Judgment (in the end)
- a' Righteous will shine

Another possible outline of verses 37-43

- a. "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.
- b. ³⁸ The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom,
- c. but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*.
- d. ³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the devil,
- e. the harvest is the end of the age,
- f. and the reapers are the angels.
- g. ⁴⁰ **Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.**
- f' ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out His angels,
- e' and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend,
- d' and those who practice lawlessness,
- c' ⁴² and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
- b' ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
- a' He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Observations based on the above structure:

- a. Son of Man sows
- b. The World & Sons of the Kingdom *to come*
- c. Tares of the wicked one
- d. Devil sows tares
- e. Harvest in the end
- f. Angel reapers
- g. **Tares gathered and burned in the end**
- f' Angels sent out
- e' Gathering of all things that offend
- d' Lawless ones are tares
- c' Tares burn, wail, and gnash teeth
- b' The Righteous Shine in the Kingdom *to come*
- a. Son of Man preaches

Comparisons & Contrast to creation:

A. Master: Son of Man

B. Field: The World

C. Good Seeds: Sons of the Kingdom

D. Tares: Sons of the Wicked One

C' Enemy: The Devil

B' Harvest: End Of The Age

A' Reapers: The Angels

1. Son of Man / Sower

2. World / Field

3. Sons of The Kingdom

4. Enemy's Sons

5. Enemy of The Kingdom

6. Harvest of the World / Field

7. Angels / Reapers

Day1: God made everything through His Word: The Word, The Son, The Sower is the Son of Man.

Day2: God made the firmament to start His work upon the world: The world is God's field that will be sown.

Day3: God brought forth grass, herbs, and trees: The sons of the kingdom are the sprouts from the good seeds.

Day4: God put ruling lights in the sky: *By contrast*, the enemy put his sons in the world. The wicked often rule, for now.

Day5: God filled the earth fish & fowl: *By contrast*, the enemy of God's creation-kingdom fills it with wicked ones.

Day6: God made mankind, finishing His work: The harvest is the end of the age, the gathering work will be finished.

Day7: God Sabbath is a day of rest and inspection of man: The angels are the reapers bringing humanity to judgment.