

## **“The Parables # 8”**

Matt. 13: 24 – 30 and Matt. 13: 34 – 43

**(Parable of the tares or weeds and Jesus’s explanation)**

**Matt. 13: 24-30 (Read)... Matt. 13:34-35 (Read)**

- *“Indeed, He said nothing to them without a parable...”*

**Psalms 78: 1-2**

*“Give ear, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.”*

- **This is God preferred method of teaching.**
- **Maybe because it sticks in our minds better?**
- **Maybe because un-saved, carnal minds can’t grasp it?**
- **Understanding Scripture, Knowledge of God comes by revelation...**
- **(Eph. 1:15-19) (Col. 1:9-14)**

- ***Faith comes by hearing... Preaching, Study, Prayer, Teaching.***
- ***HOLY SPIRIT, guides us, teaches us. (Always lifts up Jesus)***

**V 27-28...**

**1 Peter 5:8 (ESV) *“Be sober minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour”***

**2 Corinthians 11:13 – 15** *“Such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angle of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”*

**Matt. 13: 36-43 (Read)**

- **Jesus’ explanation of the Parable.**

**John Ogilvie:**

*“The parable of the wheat and the tares is Jesus’ frightening analysis of the multitudes. The Lord is realistic. He knew and said that not everyone who said “Lord! Lord!” would enter the kingdom of God. In fact, there were some who were direct pawns and plants of the evil one. What Jesus revealed in this parable helps us with the complex problem of uncommitted church members. No parable has more to say about the perplexity of inside-outsiders in the membership of the local congregation.”*

**V41... Greek for offend: Skandalon...**

*It’s the word stumbling block, a stone of tripping, a snare or a fouler. Anything that causes a person to stumble.*

**V’s 41-43...**

We cannot escape the fact that Satan is at work, trying to make us stumble!

**1 Peter 5:8-9**

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, Know the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”*

Recommend reading 1 Peter 5:6-11...