

**Matthew 13:24-43**  
***The Wheat and the Weeds***  
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**Intro**

**Amanda Ray** If life were a comic book, they'd be considered the super villains. Once introduced to an area, they become bent on world domination. They're oblivious to boundaries... and they affect everybody. They're practically indestructible in their various forms — some with deep root systems that can upend sidewalks or building foundations, some whose thousands of seeds can lay dormant for decades and then explode into swaths of mass destruction, others that choke out streambeds in their search for nutrients while giving the appearance of beautiful wildflowers. Some are even poisonous. What are they? Weeds.

**Read v.24-25**

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**Read v.26-30, 36**

**James 1:5** - If any of you lacks wisdom, you should *ask God*, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and *it will be given to you*.

**Read v.37-39**

**The Sower = Jesus**  
**The Field = World**  
**The Good Seeds = The sons of the kingdom**  
**The Weeds = The sons of the wicked one**  
**The Enemy = The devil**  
**The Harvest = The end of the age**  
**The Reapers = The angels**

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**1. Two Planters**

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- **The man who sowed good seed is Jesus**
- **The enemy who planted the bad seed is the devil**

**The Field**

**v.24** - The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

**Psalm 24:1** - The earth is the Lord's and everything that's in it.

**Satan is the trespasser.**

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**2. Two Plants**

**Genesis 1:31** - God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.

**Read v.24**

Jesus has planted you in this world.

You're not here by accident!

**Read v.25**

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"Tare" is the Greek word *zizanian*.

Most likely it refers to a specific weed called bearded/poison darnel.

Picture of darnel:

[https://www.google.com/search?q=darnel&tbm=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=s9uY96cte3P2cM%253A%252CDxMijuYMCCXCtM%252C%252Fm%252F0gwhnp&vet=1&usg=AI4\\_-kT-LW-6ih7GRJ1alQ6Mal3UEH-J2A&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiun-jqwqjjAhXmtlkKHVtUA-cQ\\_h0wGXoECAoQDw#imgrc=SsZNL5i1WrHE7M:&vet=1](https://www.google.com/search?q=darnel&tbm=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=s9uY96cte3P2cM%253A%252CDxMijuYMCCXCtM%252C%252Fm%252F0gwhnp&vet=1&usg=AI4_-kT-LW-6ih7GRJ1alQ6Mal3UEH-J2A&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiun-jqwqjjAhXmtlkKHVtUA-cQ_h0wGXoECAoQDw#imgrc=SsZNL5i1WrHE7M:&vet=1)

Wheat and darnel in a field together:

[https://www.google.com/search?q=darnel&tbm=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=s9uY96cte3P2cM%253A%252CDxMijuYMCCXCtM%252C%252Fm%252F0gwhnp&vet=1&usg=AI4\\_-kT-LW-6ih7GRJ1alQ6Mal3UEH-J2A&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiun-jqwqjjAhXmtlkKHVtUA-cQ\\_h0wGXoECAoQDw#imgrc=8EWaWW-zibqNFM:&vet=1](https://www.google.com/search?q=darnel&tbm=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=s9uY96cte3P2cM%253A%252CDxMijuYMCCXCtM%252C%252Fm%252F0gwhnp&vet=1&usg=AI4_-kT-LW-6ih7GRJ1alQ6Mal3UEH-J2A&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiun-jqwqjjAhXmtlkKHVtUA-cQ_h0wGXoECAoQDw#imgrc=8EWaWW-zibqNFM:&vet=1)

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**2 Cor. 11:26** - I've traveled on many long journeys. I've faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I've faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles... And I've faced danger from men who *claim to be believers but aren't*.

**Galatians 1:6-9** - I'm amazed how quickly you're deserting the One who called you by the grace of Christ and are turning to a *different gospel*— which isn't even Good News. Evidently some people are troubling you and trying to distort the gospel of Christ... If anyone is preaching to you *another gospel* contrary to the one you embraced, let him be under a curse!

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**Romans 10:2-3** - I can testify that they're zealous for God, but their zeal isn't based on knowledge. Since they didn't know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own righteousness.

**2 Timothy 4:2-4** - Preach the Word!... The time will come when people won't put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-4** - The falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

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### 3. Two Plans

**Read v.27-29**

Note - until they're fully grown they look similar.

**Read v.30**

**John MacArthur:** When the fourth-century Roman emperor Constantine required every person to make a profession of faith in Christ on pain of death, he succeeded in killing many true believers who refused to submit to his spurious brand of Christianity. During the Crusades of the Middle Ages, unbelievable brutality was committed against non-Christians, especially Muslims and Jews, in the name of the Prince of Peace. During the inquisitions, countless thousands of Christians who

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didn't submit to the dogma and authority of the Roman Church were imprisoned, tortured, and executed.

**Luke 9:52-56** - Jesus sent messengers ahead into a Samaritan village to get things ready for Him; but the people there didn't welcome Him... When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them and said... "The Son of Man didn't come to destroy men's lives but to save them."

**John 3:17** - **God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.**

**#1 - We're not the agents God is going to use to execute judgment.**

**#2 - Today is the day of grace, not of judgment.**

**2 Peter 3:9** - God isn't willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

"Truly, truly I tell you, whoever hears My word and *believes* Him who sent Me has eternal life and won't be judged but has *crossed over from death to life.*" (**John 5:24**)

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**Read v.30, 40-43**

**1. Be alert because we're living in a world of counterfeits.**

**1 John 4:1** - Don't believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they're from God. For many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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**2. There's reason God planted you where He planted you.**

**3. Take the long view.**

Remember:

- **The harvest isn't the end of our service this morning.**
- **The harvest isn't the end of the year.**
- **The harvest is the end of the age.**