Mat 145

Tares among the wheat

Lord supper at end…if you have not done it yet this month I always do a brief Lord Supper at end of one of my messages …during the first week of each month.

Mat 13:24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

**/**[Mat 13:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/25/s_942025)“But while **his men were sleeping**, his **enemy came** and **sowed tares** among the wheat, and went away.\

Marvin Vincent the Bible scholar from the 1800’s uses this to describe the tares-

/ *The tares- “are the children of the wicked one. Here is the character of sinners, hypocrites, and all profane and wicked people. They are the children of the devil, as a wicked one. Though they do not own his name, yet they bear his image, do his lusts, and from him they have their education; he rules over them, he works in them,”*

Marvin Vincent, 1888**\**

REPEAT

Turn to Ephesians chapter two with me.

We already established that the field represents the whole world. TLJC was the farmer who spread the initial seeds that would become born again Bels who in turn grow and give off fruit and more seeds…but now what comes into view is an enemy. ELABORATE

The difference between Bel & Unbel is vast even though it may appear as a simple decision or a disagreement about eternity…it runs much deeper than that.

If you understand that in eternity past a conflict or spiritual warfare was proclaimed by Satan and his angelic army.

When a military officer rebels against the government and the leader over his country that is a declaration of warfare.

**/**Eph 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, 2 in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, **according to the prince of the power of the air**, of **the spirit** that is now working in the sons of disobedience.\

All Bels at some point were spiritually dead and we all followed a cosmic standard. ALL OF US!!!!

All Unbels are spiritually dead and natural enemies of the cross by their own choice.

Because once they hear the gospel…recognize who TLJC and still reject Him, that is a declaration of war… it means this person has chosen a side.

REPEAT

There is no middle ground you are following Satan’s system...the god of this world…prince and power of the atmosphere or you are in union with TLJC.

/[Eph 2:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/2/3/s_1099003) Among them **we too all formerly lived** in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were **by nature (OSN) children of wrath, even as the rest**.\

The OSN is opposed to God…it is an enemy of the cross of Christ and denies truth. OSN replaces true spirituality with a spirt of selfishness and promoting creature over Creator. REPEAT

GAL 5:17 tells us the OSN (flesh) is in complete opposition to the NEW NATURE.

The Unbel has no new nature…they have only the OSN and whatever pseudo spirituality Satan’s system is promoting.

[Eph 2:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/2/4/s_1099004) But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

[Eph 2:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/2/5/s_1099005) even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

[Eph 2:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/eph/2/6/s_1099006) and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

Here is what TLJC who is often described by liberal teachers to be the skinny, hippie who promoted love and unity said;

/Jhn 8:44 **You are of *your* father the devil**, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and **does not stand in the truth** because there is no truth in him. **Whenever he speaks a lie**, he speaks from **his own nature***,* for he is a liar and the father of lies.\

This was addressed to Jewish leaders who were already calling HIM a liar and demon and had continued to increase the verbal attacks upon HIS ministry.

When we look at this parable of tares among the wheat it speaks to CA mystery doctrine and then points us right into the future Tribulation period.

Tares among the wheat are Bels and Unbels living side by side in this world without the physical presence of TLJC.

The wheat are the positive Bels who are indwelt by the Trinity and have the power to reflect TLJC but the tares are right along-side of them and can easily strangle them out or cause their growth to be stunted if that wheat is growing to close to the tare. REPEAT

/This tare(weed/darnel) is known to grow in certain regions, Palestine is an area that this toxic weed shows up, resembling wheat. It has an interior fungus that is capable of causing illness and intoxication or even death if large amounts are consumed. The close resemblance to wheat, makes it very difficult to distinguish from growing wheat stalks. (Bel & Unbel side by side)\

I’m not sure if the French still call this darnel or if they coined the phrase, but it is known for its ability to make someone appear drunk or become ill if ingested.

This weed was known for destroying large sections of the wheat crops…if the ground was not properly prepared and very early on the farmers did not look for the tares among the wheat once they began to grow it is difficult to tell them apart. SEE THE ANALOGY???

Once the tare begins to sprout within a few shorts weeks of growth it becomes impossible to tell them apart.

It will only be much later that you will see a difference in size and certain qualities or shapes of the tare compared to a wheat stalk.

In fact it becomes dangerous to start pulling them out because it may cause damage to the wheat at that point.

TLJC would later clarify all of this to His future teachers;

/Mat 13:37 And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, 38 and **the field is the world**; and *as for* **the good seed**, these are the **sons of the kingdom**; and the **tares are the sons of the evil one***;*\

This speaks more directly to Unbels who are being used by fallen angles to attack and ridicule the truth of scripture and some are used in subtle ways to resemble Christian qualities and standards yet are twisting and choking out the truth. REPEAT

They are tares in the field of this world; they do no good, they do harm; unprofitable in themselves, and hurtful to *the good seed,* both by temptation and persecution: they are weeds in the garden, have the same rain, and sunshine, and soil, with the good plants, but are good for nothing: the *tares are among the wheat.* BELS & UNBELS living side by side.

/Though this has a strong emphasis on Tribulation teaching, it is already a process alive and well in the Church Age. We currently have groups of Unbels attacking Christianity and all it stands for, as well as pseudo-Christians teaching a twisted version of scripture that is designed to embrace cosmic viewpoint and fulfill secular agendas.\

I need you to notice something that often gets overlooked in this scripture.

/[Mat 13:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/mat/13/25/s_942025)“But while **his men were sleeping**, his **enemy came** and **sowed tares** among the wheat, and went away.

The enemy attacks when we are tired, apathetic or ignorant toward the truth.\

Satan will do his best to wear down the saints because that is when they are vulnerable.

How it is interpreted in the original context would be like saying the enemy came in on top of the crop and planted right on top of the work already done.

Notice the men left in charge of the field fell asleep…no one was on guard for the enemy. This speaks to pastor-teachers and those in positions of authority.

ELABORATE (apathy and arrogance)

America pulled the Bible out of the school system back in the 1960’s…the first book that all, American schools used for literature and historic context and poetry was the Bible.

That was the first and only book in the earliest American school systems.

Government leadership and church leadership and Christian citizens fell asleep on that field and now we reap the damage from our youth since that point.

REPEAT

That is just on example…we have been slowly robbed of our freedoms and we have apathetically sat back year after year as Satan’s cosmic system grabs one small subtle victory after another.

My personal opinion…this big push in recent years for socialism and really soft socialism is already been introduced by the last 3 administrations, is astounding to me.

Astounding that it is on main stream platforms and media and that it is part of our debates for the next presidential election is all the proof I need to say the majority of Christians are clueless and apathetic and asleep at the wheel.

Trust me we already live in soft socialism which is really the battle plan all along…just subtle changes here and there and then they can come in for the final sweeping changes once we completely doze off. Both sides of the political isle have dabbled in it and introduced since the 1970’s…soft socialism is here to stay…another good sign that the Rapture is probably getting closer folks!

Anyhow…don’t get me side tracked.

/The Bels is not to reject or attack the Unbel that would be against the teaching of Christ. But to stand firm in truth and resist the cosmic viewpoint. Be a beacon of light for others to see and find guidance without being an obnoxious, bitter, legalistic fool that no one will ever seek advice from.\

REPEAT ELABORATE

This is a balance and you will not achieve this outside a relationship with God and spiritual growth in your life.

You will either get burnt out and fall away from your relationship with God or become an angry Christian who no one wants to be around.

Ever ask yourself how come TLJC did so well with the outcasts, criminals and foreigners when HE walked this earth?

Because HE didn’t have this attitude;

/Luk 18:11 “The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: **‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people**: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector.\

This is the attitude in the hearts of many legalistic Christians. SIN IS SIN…prostitution and addiction are looked upon in the divine courtroom of heaven just as arrogance and lying are.

You need to find the balance and you can not operate in this balance if you are a baby Bel…you need spiritual maturity.

Look how TLJC handled situations…

He did not become just like the Unbels and sinners but HE did have a profound effect upon their lives.

/Mat 9:10 Then it happened that as **Jesus was reclining at the table** in the house, behold, many **tax collectors** and **sinners** came and were dining with Jesus and His disciples.\

TLJC was relaxed and when they called HIM out on this …HE told them I’m here to help the sick and dying…

HE said - ‘I DESIRE COMPASSION, AND NOT SACRIFICE,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

TLJC called out what was right and what was wrong but HE did not attempt to condemn and judge at every opportunity that came up.

Thank God HE saved the sinners and criminals, that’s how I got here…let us prepare to take in the Lord’ supper.

TLJC came to save a lost and dying world.

Save the wicked…the arrogant….the lost and those no one else would care about.

He asks only that YOU and I believe in who HE has said HE is.

The great I am of the OT….the one true God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The great Physician…the good shepherd.

The Alpha and the omega…The king of kings and the Lord of lords…the one and only savior.

The Rock of our salvation…The Lord Jesus Christ.

The one ritual…the only ritual left for CA Bels to habitually partake in is the Lord Supper…the Eucharist which speaks to eternal gratitude to give thanks at the highest level. It points to a celebration and recognition of His almighty power and grace and redemption He offers mankind.

With a grateful heart I lift up this bread which TLJC said…this is my body which is broken for you…each time we eat the bread and drink the cup we bring HIM into remembrance…let us eat the bread.

In the same grateful manner we can lift up the cup…a cup of the blood of Christ…TLJC said the blood of a new an everlasting covenant …because when we eat the bread of His body and drink the cup of His blood we proclaim HIM, His work and His second coming…let us drink the cup…pray.