Mat 146

The enemy will continue to sow poisonous seeds until Christ returns

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/Mat 13:25 But while his men were sleeping, his **enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat**, and went away. 26 “But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.\

We noted last lesson that the tares was speaking to a toxic weed called darnel which is very similar to a stalk of wheat.

Turn to Acts chapter 20 with me Royal family.

Wheat was and still is a staple in the human diet. This was certainly true in the ancient world.

/Wheat has always been a necessity in the human diet. It was one of the key food sources in ancient times and continues to hold great value today. The principle is that Satan always attacks and distorts that which God creates for good.\

Think about it …sex….money…success…the list is fairly large, but this points to the fact that God created all of these things in a pure way but Satan has distorted or poisoned all of these in one aspect or another.

How evil is it to attack that which we need for health and survival and yet that is the lesson.

/Satan knows the word of God and the accuracy about the gospel & scripture in general is pertinent for spiritual growth and salvation (gospel). He distorts and poisons the truth that God designed for mankind to find salvation and maturity that leads to peace and blessings.\

Attacking the very thing we all need!

Remember now the book of Acts covers the beginning stages of the church.

Acts gives a whole overview of the foundation period of the church.

Covering about the first 30 years of the early church and its foundation.

Here in verse 24 Paul is now establishing his own ministry and apostleship…also keep in mind Paul was rejected at the early stages because he was still known as Saul of Tarsus.

The Apostle Paul had recently dealt with problems at Ephesus and is now headed toward northern Greece…Macedonia.

Actually… Paul is heading in a direction more so of his own will then God’s will.

He is going to be stepping outside of the plan of God…a lesson for another day.

Act 20:24 “But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

[Act 20:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/20/25/s_1038025) “And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face.

[Act 20:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/20/26/s_1038026)“Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

In the original context that word *men* is not found…this is a term Paul is using that speaks to fulfilling his responsibility.

It meant I have done my job… what God commissioned me to do here…I have done and now it is up to you to grow in that which you have received.

ELABORATE

Remember the Apostles were to establish churches while preaching the gospel and in doing so find men to be leaders and pastors.

[Act 20:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/20/27/s_1038027) “For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God.

Here is the warning and it lines up with our message today;

/[Act 20:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/20/28/s_1038028) **“Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock**, among which the **Holy Spirit** has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

Paul emphasized God the Holy Spirit because Paul was just an instrument, it is the Spirit that establishes men of God & churches.\

Be on the alert on your guard…this is written in the present imperative so it points to habitually over and over again and imperative speaks to the dire importance of this statement.

Because why?

Because TLJC had already taught the parables of the wheat and the tares,

and the men assigned to the field who fell asleep. Pointing to -LEADERS…PASTORS!

Here’s why;

/[Act 20:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb/act/20/29/s_1038029) “I know that after my departure **savage wolves** (*barys lykos*) **will come in among you**, not sparing the flock;

Meaning strong or heavy (powerful) wolves those with cruel appetites. Men of authority, or respect with an appetite for power & wealth.\

BAR-ROOS LIE-KUS

This has a duel meaning of not only men with a greedy nature but those who can captivate a crowd or may even have a level of authority in the natural realm and now they want that same power or recognition the church.

REPEAT

**/**Act 20:30 and from **among your own selves men** will arise, speaking **perverse** things, to **draw away the disciples** after them.

All the Apostles warned of false teaching and false teachers. Men who would distort truth or turn Bels against accurate doctrines.\

DEE-ASH-STEPH-OH is that Greek verb *perverse* …often used for a word that meant to take something already established and then twist it or distort it in another direction. REPEAT

Think about all the denominational nonsense and Christian movements in the year of our Lord 2020.

Because of apathy and arrogance which leads to greed and lazy teachers who fall asleep on the job.

(ELABORTAE TARES among wheat)

Look what the Apostle Paul teaches to the Galatians after he had been away from Jerusalem for years what had happened?

/Gal 2:4 But *it was* **because of the false brethren secretly brought in**, who had sneaked in to **spy out our liberty** which we have in Christ Jesus, in order to bring us into bondage. 5 But we did not yield in subjection to them for even an hour, so that the truth of the gospel would remain with you.\

The Bels liberty speaks to the freedom and grace that all ministries should operate in… the doctrine of privacy and teaching truth and then allowing each Bel to grow at their own pace….not enforcing rituals and rules upon them.

Look how stubborn Paul is to make a stand in the truth! We did not yield to them for even an hour!

Notice they are already among the congregation and they are not only teachers or leaders but brethren…false brethren…tares among the wheat.

/Gal 2:6 But from those **who were of high reputation** (what they were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)—well, those who were of reputation contributed nothing to me.\

Meaning men of high intellect as Paul was because of his training as a Pharisee but they brought nothing to the congregation, not truth…only legalism.

They only added burden and confusion with all their knowledge and really lack of knowledge concerning TLJC and the CA grace ministries that were now being established.

/Tares can resemble wheat (truth/Bel) yet once they wrap their roots around a congregation or Bel they infect Bible Doctrine and in time, they choke out truth with lies or legalism, emotions or rituals. This is toxic poison for Bels and it happens when leadership falls asleep or congregation members become familiar and apathetic.\

This is the order of the day in many Christian circles and churches in America and around the world today.

Most of the time because the greed of the pastor and dire need to have huge buildings and worldwide ministry sets into motion operation butts in the seats.

Never heard of operation…butts in the seats?…probably because I just coined that phrase now.

It is the desperate mentality of pastors that will do anything to entertain people and accept lies and cosmic agendas to have a huge ministry.

Rock star ministries…that look like concert halls.

And people flock to this because… its feel-good messages and lots of music and lights and programs for all different ages and groups of people to get involved in.

It is what Paul taught Timothy about while training him to be a pastor-teacher;

/2Tim 4:3 For **the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine**; but *wanting* **to have their ears tickled**, they will **accumulate for themselves** teachers in accordance to **their own desires**,\

Teachers and churches that make them feel good…that give them a message that won’t challenge them too much and will line up with the majority of their cosmic friends and worldly viewpoints so they can still be called a Christian and fit in to the devil’s world.

The Apostle Peter called out the very same type of situation.

/2Pet 2:1 But **false prophets also arose among the people**, just as there will also be **false teachers among you**, who will secretly introduce **destructive heresies**, even **denying the Master** who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.\

Heresies is very similar it is the Greek feminine noun HIRE-AH-SIS meaning in this case…an opinion or following from a belief system that is altered or twisted. This word often was used to describe a group or sect of people that all followed one opinion or set of doctrines. In this case it is pointing to a belief system that is distorted from the gospel of Christ. REPEAT

Because the teaching eventually leads people away from the truth of TLJC,

He is the Master. DIS-POT-ACE meaning absolute Lord and master….head of household and the one who makes all final decisions…ultimate authority.

Tares among the wheat are not always easy to detect…and they may be starting off with very little intensity of opposition but over time you begin to see how they oppose truth…by then you may be already engulfed in that teaching and now you have accepted it as fact.

They come in all shapes sizes and belief systems…

/Jud 1:4 For **certain persons have crept in unnoticed**, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, **ungodly persons who turn the grace** of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.\

Giving Bels a license to sin…live however you feel…it is all grace and love…no consequences.

Lifestyle choices outside the Bible are accepted…sin is minimized to the point it really no longer matters.

Sadly… sin shouldn’t be a huge issue in your life if you are a Bel who understands your position and the ability to wash yourself clean…but this goes in a completely opposite direction.

One extreme to the next.

Look how the Amplified Bible puts it;

/(Amp) Jude 1:4 For certain men have crept in stealthily – gaining entrance secretly by a side door. Their doom was predicted long ago, (impious, profane) ungodly persons who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessings and favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality, and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One.\

This study of the tares among the wheat needs to wake Bels up to the fact that Christianity isn’t a game that we play and as long as we say the name Jesus once and awhile and claim we are Christians nothing else matters in our life. REPEAT ELABORATE

/Tares resemble wheat therefore to the untrained eye in the public it may appear as if they are healthy wheat stalks nearing maturity. Yet they are counterfeits of the worse kind…poisonous! And it only becomes apparent once they are digested.\

You need to think about Bels and Unbels in this concept…false teachers and church leaders as well.

Don’t forget Satan always has a counterfeit…I have brought these out before;

/Counterfeit gospel — 2 Cor 11:3-4.

 Counterfeit ministers — 2 Cor 11:13-15.

 Counterfeit communion table —

1 Cor 10:19-21.

Counterfeit spirituality — Gal 3:2-3.

Counterfeit righteousness — Mat 19:16-28.\

REPEAT

/Counterfeit practices — Matthew 23.

Counterfeit power — 2 Thes 2:8-10. Counterfeit system of gods —

2 Thes 2:3,4.\

Satan has been busy since the day of the fall in the garden examining and investigating human nature…personality traits and desires…lust patterns and human IQ and ability. He and his army are experts at psychology and human strength and weakness.

/Tares are Unbels who may be obviously opposed to the scriptures or subtly opposed. They may speak like a Christian and at times appear to be Christian yet they are not fully vested in the truth and have never truly come to believe and cling to The Lord Jesus Christ.\

This includes friends and relatives and many pastors and church leaders as well.

/The parable of the tares among the wheat is a parable that points us in the direction of the Tribulation period, yet it has already taken root in the Church Age because it was being planted long ago. It was planted next too and almost on top of the completed canon of scripture. Therefore, it will have many resemblances and nuances that appear accurate, yet they are poisonous.\