

#6 – Weeds: On Lingering Evil in the World

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**There are two kingdoms.**

**Matt 13:24-30, 36-43 *24****He put another parable before them, saying*,

*“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field,****25****but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.****26****So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also.*

***27****And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’****28****He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’****29****But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.****30****Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”*

***36****Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”****37****He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man.****38****The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,****39****and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.****40****Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.****41****The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers,****42****and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.****43****Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.*

*Keller: The first mark of a person who has entered into the Kingdom of God is your life is revolutionized by the knowledge you are accepted.*

**There are two kingdoms battling.**

**There are two kingdoms battling, but God’s Kingdom wins.**

**Rom. 8:28 “**And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

**There are two kingdoms battling, but God’s Kingdom wins, revealing His true followers.**