

# Sermon on the Boat

Matthew 13

## Unlocking the Mysteries of the Kingdom Part 2 Mystery of the Great Pretender

The Bible is **NOT** an open book to those enemies of Christ!

Jesus tells **7** parables in Matthew 13 to help us understand better how things work, spiritually!!!

Parable Earthly story with a spiritual meaning Reveal and Conceal

*Too many church members have been starched and ironed but never **WASHED!*** Vance Havner

This parables is a .....

**Word of Comfort**

**Word of Warning**

**Word of Instruction**

*<sup>24</sup> Here is another story Jesus told: The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. <sup>26</sup> When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.*

*<sup>27</sup> "The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?' <sup>28</sup> An enemy has done this!" the farmer exclaimed. "Should we pull out the weeds?" they asked. <sup>29</sup> No," he replied, "you'll uproot the wheat if you do. <sup>30</sup> Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn." Matthew 13:24-30*

### Seven Elements of the Parable We Need to Understand

*Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field. Matthew 13:36*

1. Sower/Farmer *The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed.*
2. Good Seed (Wheat) *the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. [not the World this time]*
3. Field *The field is the world [not the heart/soil here]*
4. Enemy *The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil.*
5. Bad seed (Tares) *The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. John 8:44*
6. Harvesters *and the harvesters are the **angels**.*
7. Harvest *The harvest is the end of the world*

### How to Keep from Getting Lost in the Weeds!

**SOWING OF THE WEEDS** Sown by who? Satan He is not opposed to **religion**  
the **ENEMY** [envy/hate] Is the Devil interested in Weeds? NO Wheat? NO Worship? YEAH!

**Seven False Pretenders** *You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a **different Jesus** than the one we preach, or a **different kind of Spirit** than the one you received, or a **different kind of gospel** than the one you believed. 2 Corinthians 11:4*

1. False Jesus "we believe Jesus" Son of God? God the Son?
2. False **Spirit** "what experience I had" "what a feeling" I John 4:1 try & test the spirits
3. False Gospel *I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, ..... You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled. <sup>8</sup> Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you. Galatians 1:6-8*

4. False **Ministers** *<sup>13</sup> These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants [ministers] of righteousness. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15*

5. False Brethren *and perils among false brethren* I Corinthians 11:26

*awake to righteous and sleep not and for some have not the knowledge of God.* I Corinthians 15:34

**GROWING OF THE WEEDS**

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Matthew 13:28-30

Our job is not rooting out weeds! We can do more harm than good.

AND This is **NOT** the same as false teachers in the church.

**KNOWING OF THE WEEDS**

*Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. <sup>42</sup> And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father’s Kingdom.... listen and understand!*

Matthew 13:40-43

*<sup>14</sup> Then I saw a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was someone like the Son of Man. He had a gold crown on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. <sup>15</sup> Then another angel came from the Temple and shouted to the one sitting on the cloud, “Swing the sickle, for the time of harvest has come; the crop on earth is ripe. <sup>16</sup> So the one sitting on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the whole earth was harvested.*

Revelation 14:14-16

A person “harvest” goes on after they **die!** Abel, being dead, still speaks today! Hebrews 11:4

**Three Quick Apps**

1. Know that you Know

I John 5:13 2 Corinthians 13:5

Ye call Me Master and obey Me not,

Ye call Me Light and see Me not,

Ye call Me Way and walk not,

Ye call Me Life and desire Me not,

Ye call Me wise and follow Me not,

Ye call Me fair and love Me not,

Ye call Me rich and ask Me not,

Ye call Me eternal and seek Me not,

Ye call Me gracious and trust Me not,

Ye call Me noble and serve Me not,

Ye call Me mighty and honor Me not,

Ye call Me just and fear Me not,

**If I condemn you, blame me not.** POEM inside Lubeck cathedral Germany

2. Give Your Heart to Jesus

Don’t hide behind a hypocrite

3. Know YOUR Bible So You Can Spot the False