

Matthew 13:24-30

Parable of the Wheat and Weeds



Verse	Details	Keywords	Revelation	Application
Matthew 13:24	Jesus shares another parable: The Kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.	<i>Kingdom</i> (basileia) – God’s reign; <i>Good seed</i> (kalos sperma) – genuine believers or God’s truth.	The Kingdom begins with pure intent and truth planted by God Himself.	Focus on planting good seed—truth, love, and faith—wherever God has placed you.
Matthew 13:25	While everyone was sleeping, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away.	<i>Enemy</i> (echthros) – adversary; <i>Weeds</i> (zizania) – tares, a poisonous look-alike of wheat.	The enemy works in secret, imitating God’s work to cause confusion and division.	Stay spiritually awake—deception grows when believers are unaware or complacent.
Matthew 13:26	When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, the weeds also appeared.	<i>Appeared</i> (phanerō) – revealed, made visible.	Time reveals true character; spiritual fruit exposes what is real and what is counterfeit.	Don’t rush to judgment—God reveals truth in His timing.
Matthew 13:27	The servants asked the owner, “Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?”	<i>Servants</i> (doulos) – faithful followers; <i>Where</i> (pothen) – from what source.	Even the righteous question the presence of evil and corruption within God’s field.	When confusion arises, seek understanding from God, not assumptions.
Matthew 13:28	The owner replied, “An enemy did this.” The servants asked, “Do you want us to go and pull them up?”	<i>Enemy</i> – Satan; <i>Pull up</i> (syllegō) – to gather, uproot.	The field (the world) contains both genuine and false believers; God knows the source.	Don’t take vengeance or try to separate people yourself—let God handle the sorting

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Matthew 13:29	“No,” he answered, “because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.”	<i>Uproot</i> (ekrizō) – to tear out by the roots.	God’s mercy delays judgment to protect the innocent and give opportunity for repentance.	Trust God’s timing; He’s patient so that none should perish (2 Peter 3:9).
Matthew 13:30	“Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time, I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”	<i>Harvest</i> (therismos) – final judgment; <i>Burned</i> (kata kaiō) – consumed completely; <i>Barn</i> (apoth ēkē) – storehouse for the righteous.	There will be a final separation—justice will be done perfectly by God’s hand.	Stay faithful in the waiting; the harvest belongs to God, and He will set all things right.

Summary Revelation

This parable reveals that **good and evil grow side by side** in the world—and sometimes even within the church—but **God alone will separate them in the end**.

The delay in judgment is not neglect but mercy, giving time for repentance.

 **Be the wheat—grow in grace, stay faithful, and trust the Lord of the harvest.**

Matthew 13:31-32

Parable of the Mustard Seed



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Matthew 13:31	Jesus tells another parable: The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a man took and planted in his field.	<i>Mustard seed</i> (kokkos sinapeōs) – extremely tiny seed; <i>Planted</i> (speirō) – to sow intentionally.	The Kingdom starts small and often unnoticed, planted by God with purpose.	Don't despise small beginnings—God often starts His work in quiet, tiny ways.
Matthew 13:32	Though it is the smallest of all seeds, when it grows it becomes the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so birds come and perch in its branches.	<i>Smallest</i> (mikroteros) – least, insignificant; <i>Grows</i> (auxanō) – to increase; <i>Birds</i> (peteina) – often symbolize nations or people.	God's Kingdom grows beyond expectation—expanding outward to shelter many.	Be faithful with what God puts in your hands; what looks small can become life-changing under God's blessing.

Summary Revelation

The mustard seed shows that **God loves to begin with small, humble things**—a tiny seed, an ordinary moment, a simple act of faith.

But when God breathes on it, it grows into something **huge, influential, and sheltering for others**.

 **Small faith in a big God becomes a powerful force.**

Matthew 13:33-35

Parable of the Yeast



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Matthew 13:33	Jesus tells another parable: The Kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked through the whole batch.	<i>Yeast</i> (zymē) – leaven, a small agent that permeates; <i>Mixed</i> (enkryptō) – to hide or bury within; <i>All through</i> (holon) – entirely, completely.	The Kingdom works from the inside out—quietly, invisibly, but powerfully until transformation is complete.	Don't underestimate the slow, hidden work of God in your life; small acts of faith can influence everything.
Matthew 13:34	Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; He did not say anything to them without using a parable.	<i>Parables</i> (parabolē) – stories that reveal truth to hungry hearts; <i>Crowd</i> (ochlois) – multitudes.	Jesus intentionally uses parables to reveal spiritual truths to those with receptive hearts and conceal them from the hardened.	Ask God for ears that hear and hearts that understand. The posture of your heart determines what you receive.
Matthew 13:35	Matthew quotes Psalm 78:2 to show that Jesus fulfilled prophecy by speaking in parables and declaring hidden things from long ago.	<i>Fulfill</i> (plēroō) – to complete fully; <i>Hidden things</i> (kekrymmena) – mysteries concealed until the right time.	Jesus is the prophesied Teacher who reveals ancient mysteries—He is the key to understanding God's story.	Trust that God's Word is consistent and reliable. Jesus completes what the prophets began.

Summary Revelation

The **yeast parable** reveals that the Kingdom doesn't always come with noise or spectacle—it often works quietly within hearts, families, churches, and communities until everything is transformed.

Matthew highlights that Jesus' teaching ministry is not random but **prophetic**, fulfilling God's long-standing plan to reveal hidden truths through the Messiah.

 **God works quietly, steadily, and powerfully—often long before you see the results.**

Matthew 13:36-43

Parable of Wheat and Weeds Explained



Verse	Details	Keywords	Revelation	Application
Matthew 13:36	Jesus leaves the crowd and goes into the house. The disciples ask Him to explain the parable of the weeds.	<i>Explain</i> (phrazein) – to make clear; <i>Weeds</i> (zizania) – tares that mimic wheat.	True understanding is given to disciples—those who seek Jesus privately get deeper revelation.	Go to Jesus with your questions; revelation comes in His presence.
Matthew 13:37	Jesus identifies Himself as the one who sows the good seed.	<i>Sower</i> (speirō) – to scatter seed intentionally.	Jesus is the true Sower; anything genuinely good begins with Him.	Trust Jesus to plant truth in your life—He starts every good work.
Matthew 13:38	The field is the world; the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom; the weeds are the people of the evil one.	<i>World</i> (kosmos) – the entire inhabited earth; <i>People of the Kingdom</i> – genuine believers.	Good and evil coexist in the world until the end—God knows those who are His.	Don't be discouraged by evil around you—God sees everything clearly.
Matthew 13:39	The enemy who sows the weeds is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age; the harvesters are angels.	<i>Devil</i> (diabolos) – accuser, slanderer; <i>Harvest</i> (therismos) – final judgment.	There is a real enemy and a real final judgment supervised by heavenly beings.	Live with eternity in mind—this world is not the end.
Matthew 13:40	Just as weeds are burned in fire, so it will be at the end of the age.	<i>Burned</i> (katakaiō) – to consume completely; <i>End</i> (synteleia) – consummation.	Judgment is certain; God will separate good from evil.	Live uprightly—God will bring justice perfectly.

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Matthew 13:41	The Son of Man will send His angels, who will remove everything that causes sin and all who do evil.	<i>Cause sin</i> (skandala) – stumbling blocks; <i>Do evil</i> (anomia) – lawlessness.	Jesus Himself oversees the final cleansing of the world.	Remove stumbling blocks from your life now, not later.
Matthew 13:42	Those removed will be thrown into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.	<i>Furnace</i> (kaminos) – fiery furnace; <i>Gnashing</i> (brugmos) – grinding of teeth in agony.	Hell is real, conscious, and final—Jesus teaches it clearly.	Choose obedience today—eternal consequences are real.
Matthew 13:43	The righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father. Jesus ends with, “Whoever has ears, let them hear.”	<i>Shine</i> (eklampeo) – to radiate brilliance; <i>Righteous</i> (dikaios) – those made right with God.	God’s people will be glorified—radiant in His Kingdom forever.	Live faithfully—your future is glory with the Father.

Summary Revelation

Jesus unveils the destiny of humanity:

- The enemy sows deception now,
- Good and evil grow together for a season,
- But at the end of the age He will **separate**, **cleanse**, and **restore**.

The wicked face judgment, but the righteous will **shine like the sun**—radiant, purified, exalted with their Father.

The end of the story is glory for the faithful

Cross References

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Jesus later explains this parable:

- Field = the world
- Good seed = people of the Kingdom
- Weeds = people of the evil one
- Enemy = the devil

2 Peter 2:1

“False teachers will secretly introduce destructive heresies.”

🔗 Connects to the enemy sowing counterfeit “weeds” in God’s field.

Matthew 24:13 & 30

“The one who endures to the end will be saved.”

“They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds...”

🔗 Connects to the end-time harvest Jesus mentions in the parable (v.30).

Theme:

Good and evil grow together for now, but God will judge perfectly at the end.

Parable of the Mustard Seed

Matthew 13:31-32

Daniel 4:10–12

Nebuchadnezzar's dream of a great tree

“Under it the beasts found shelter, and the birds lived in its branches.”

👁 Symbolizes a kingdom that grows large and shelters many — same imagery Jesus uses.

Ezekiel 17:22–23

God plants a small twig that becomes a majestic tree.

👁 Mirrors the mustard seed growing from tiny to expansive.

Mark 4:30–32

Parallel account of the mustard seed.

“It becomes the largest of all garden plants.”

Theme:

🌱 **The Kingdom starts small but grows far beyond human expectation.**

Parable of the Yeast

Matthew 13:33-35

Luke 13:20–21

Parallel passage of yeast spreading through the dough.

“It worked all through the dough.”

👁 Shows the pervasive, transforming power of the Kingdom.

1 Corinthians 5:6–7

“A little yeast leavens the whole batch.”

Though used negatively here, it illustrates how influence—good or bad—spreads.

Psalms 78:2

Quoted in Matthew 13:35

“I will utter hidden things, things from of old.”

👁 Prophetic reference to Jesus teaching in parables.

Theme:

The Kingdom works quietly, invisibly, and permeates everything it touches.

Explanation of the Wheat and Weeds

Matthew 13:36-43

Daniel 12:2-3

“Some will rise to everlasting life... those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens.”

🔗 Connects directly to v.43 — “the righteous will shine like the sun.”

Revelation 14:14-20

The final harvest of the earth.

“The earth was harvested.”

🔗 Parallels the separation of wheat and weeds at the end of the age.

Joel 3:13

“Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe.”

🔗 Another prophecy of final judgment using harvest imagery.

Theme:

Jesus will judge the world: the wicked removed, the righteous glorified.