

The Table Salt Devos

"Adding flavor and preserving tradition at the Family Table on the week of July 20th"

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' 28" 'An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' 29" 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 30Let 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.' "

36Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." 37He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, 39and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 40"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

The Word of the Lord! **THANKS BE TO GOD!**



If you could design Heaven, what would it look like?



1. What is the kingdom of Heaven like?
2. In this parable, what happened while the farmer slept?
3. What appeared in the farmer's field besides the wheat he had planted?
4. How did the owner's servants react when they found weeds in the field? How did the owner reply to his servants?
5. What did the servants offer to do? What did the owner tell them?
6. After Jesus went into the house, who asked him to explain his parable?
7. What did the field represent?
8. Whom did the sower represent?
9. What types of people are like the good seeds and the bad seeds?
10. What will happen in the kingdom of God at the end of the age?
11. Because God sows our seeds, because we are a holy people, we are told that we will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father. Think of a good deed you can do this week to "shine like the sun."



Story Seeds: Sow some story seeds. One person should start telling a story – you can use the words "Once upon a time" if they help! Set the time for a minute. When the minute's up, the next family member should continue the story for another minute. Continue until everyone has added to this story. Feel free to be silly!