

# Case of the Mysterious Harvest

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I. Introduction. Text: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

II. The parable of the wheat and the tares or the weeds and the field.

A. The elements in the parable represent people.

1. The good seed is Jesus.
2. The good seed are the children of God.
3. The bad seed are the sons of Satan.
4. The bad seed is the devil.
5. The field is the world.

B. The Great Commission was the beginning of the scatter of these people throughout the world.

C. Wherever you are, you have been put there by the Lord Jesus.

D. Jesus never called anyone the son of the devil except people who pretended to be religiously correct but were disseminating error.

E. The false believers and the true ones are so intermingled that you can hardly tell them apart until fruit is born.

1. Heresy comes about and people become restrictive about it.
2. Error is intermingled in every heart.
3. We are to wait for the judgment for error to be weeded out.

F. The Lord will use angels to gather the false believers together to be burned and the true believers to be brought in to the Father.

## Application questions:

1. What is the purpose of God's delay in judgment? Explain.

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2. How does Jesus characterize the religious hypocrites?

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3. How have you participated in religious hypocrisy and what can you do differently in the future?

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