

Lesson 8 (7/19): Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 — The Wheat and the Weeds: Patience Until Judgment

Scripture Focus

Jesus teaches that good and evil will coexist in the world until God's appointed time. Followers of Christ are called to faithful living while trusting God to bring final justice.

Read the verse(s) aloud

Memorable quotes/notes:

Historical / Linguistic Context

- The "weeds" likely refer to dandelion, a plant that closely resembles wheat in its early stages.
- Pulling weeds too early could damage the wheat, making patience necessary.
- The parable addresses the question of why evil continues to exist despite God's rule.
- Jesus ultimately identifies Himself as the Son of Man who will oversee the final harvest and judgment.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do people often want God to remove evil immediately?
2. How does this parable encourage patience in a world that often feels unfair?
3. Where do you see evidence of God's patience in your own life?
4. Read Romans 12:19. How does Paul's teaching reinforce the lesson of this parable?

CLOSING PRAYER