

Trusting God's Judgment

Matthew 13:24

Kingdom Parables

- The kingdom of heaven is like...
 - parables that illustrate
 - the nature of the kingdom of God
 - how we should respond to it
- What should we expect?

OT Background

- Daniel 7:13-14
 - there before me was one like a son of man
 - He was given authority, glory, and sovereign power
 - everlasting kingdom

OT Background

- Daniel 12:1-3
 - multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake
 - some to everlasting life
 - others to shame and everlasting contempt

OT Background

- Daniel 12:1-3
 - those who are wise
 - will shine like the brightness of the heavens
 - and those who lead many to righteousness,
 - like the stars for ever and ever

Wheat and Weeds

- a man who sowed good seed in his field
 - wheat
- enemy...sowed weeds
 - darnel

Wheat and Weeds

- Darnel
 - looks very similar to wheat
 - difficult to distinguish until it forms heads
 - “produced fruit”
 - can be infected and produce nausea

Explanation

- one who sowed good seed
= the Son of Man
- field = world
- good seed = sons of the kingdom
- weeds = sons of the evil one
- enemy = the devil

Patience

- If the kingdom of God is here,
 - why has it not triumphed in a more visible way?

Patience

- It is sometimes difficult to distinguish the good from the evil.
 - We must not make premature judgments.

Patience

- The owner’s servants
 - do you want us to go and pull them up?
 - No...because you may root up the wheat with them

Patience

- It is not the servant’s job to pass judgment on behalf of the master.
 - Serious damage to good seed may result.

Patience

- The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise,
 - as some understand slowness.
 - He is patient with you,
 - not wanting anyone to perish,
 - but everyone to come to repentance.

- 2 Pt. 3:9

Evil Eliminated

- As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire
 - so it will be at the end of the age

Evil Eliminated

- The Son of Man will send out his angels
 - they will weed out of his kingdom
 - everything that causes sin
 - all who do evil
 - “lawlessness”

Evil Eliminated

- They will throw them into the fiery furnace
 - where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Righteousness Revealed

- Then the righteous will shine like the sun
 - in the kingdom of their Father.

God's Judgment

- The Lord will judge the world in his time.
 - His kingdom will be freed from the presence of evil.
 - His people will share in his glory.