

MATTHEW

August 7, 2022

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Do a little side-study. Why would Jesus contrast wheat with tares? (What is a tare?)

2. Identify the various elements of the parable.

The man who sowed good seed in his field (v. 37):

The field (v. 38):

The good seed (v. 38):

The enemy who sowed tares in the man's field (v. 39):

The tares (v. 38):

The slaves of the landowner (v. 39):

The harvest (v. 39):

3. What, or rather who, coexists in the world (v. 38)?

4. The tares, or sons of the evil one, are characterized as . . . (v. 41).

5. Why are the tares not gathered up after the wheat sprouts (vv. 29-30)? (What is the risk?)

6. Who do the reapers remove (v. 41)? Who is left behind?

From where are they removed? What does this suggest?

7. What is the destiny of the tares (v. 42)?

8. What is the destiny of the wheat (v. 43)?

9. What makes the sons of the kingdom *righteous*? (How are the sons of the kingdom righteous?)

What is suggested by them shining forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will seek first His kingdom and His righteousness this week by . . .

I will “bear grain” this week by . . .