



Sermon Guide:

Tilling the Plains: He Did It! (2/18/2023)

Join us **tomorrow, Sunday (2/19/2023), at 7 PM** on Zoom for Sermon Essentials to dive deeper into today’s message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be a part of the discussion.

Read *Christ Object Lessons*, chapter 4, “Tares.”

Text: Matthew 13:24-25 “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.”

The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares

Reference verses: Matthew 13:24-30; Matthew 13:3-9

1. How does the parable of the wheat and the tares differ from the parable of the sower?

The Characters

Reference verses: Matthew 13:37-43

2. Who do the different characters of this parable represent?

The Farmer _____

The Field _____

The Seed _____

The Tares _____

The Enemy _____

The Harvest _____

The Harvesters _____

The Tares

3. What is the difference between wheat, weeds and tares?



4. What makes darnel so dangerous?

Reference verse: 1 Samuel 16:7

5. Why has God told the church not to root up the tares?

The Harvest

6. How does the meaning of the words “offend” [*skandalon*] and “lawlessness” [*anomia*] enhance your understanding of the parable?

σκάνδαλον [*skandalon*] _____

άνομία [*anomia*] _____

7. Why does God allow the wheat and the tares to grow together until the harvest?

8. Read the quote below. What makes the difference between true and false Christians?

“Not judgment and condemnation of others, but humility and distrust of self, is the teaching of Christ’s parable. Not all that is sown in the field is good grain. The fact that men are in the church does not prove them Christians. ... Profession is as nothing in the scale. It is character that decides destiny.” – Ellen White, *Christ’s Object Lessons*, 74