

Sacred Space Weeds & Good Seeds

The Gospel of Matthew Series (and John)

PREPARATION

I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness,
and you will harvest a crop of love.

Plow up the hard ground of your hearts,

**for now is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come
and shower righteousness upon you.'** Hosea 10:12

ADORATION and GRATITUDE

O You who love the Lord, hate evil!
He protects the lives of his godly people
and rescues them from the power of the wicked.

¹¹ Light shines on the godly, and joy on those whose hearts are right.

¹² May all who are godly rejoice in the Lord and praise his holy name! Psalms 97

CONFESSION

**¹¹ Turn away from evil and do good.
Search for peace, and work to maintain it.**

**¹² The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right,
and his ears are open to their prayers.
But the Lord turns his face
against those who do evil."** 1 Peter 3

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION — Matthew 13

²⁴ Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. ²⁵ But that night as the workers slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat, then slipped away. ²⁶ When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew.

²⁷ "The farmer's workers went to him and said, 'Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds! Where did they come from?'

²⁸ "'An enemy has done this!' the farmer exclaimed.

"Should we pull out the weeds?' they asked.

²⁹ "'No,' he replied, 'you'll uproot the wheat if you do. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort

PRACTICE: IN SOLITUDE OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	How do I relate to this?
Respond	What is my next step of obedience?
Rest	Receive God's healing and renewal.

out the weeds, tie them into bundles, and burn them, and to put the wheat in the barn.'"

³⁶ Then, leaving the crowds outside, Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, "Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field."

³⁷ Jesus replied, "The Son of Man is the farmer who plants the good seed. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed represents the people of the Kingdom. The weeds are the people who belong to the evil one. ³⁹ The enemy who planted the weeds among the wheat is the devil. The harvest is the end of the world, and the harvesters are the angels.

⁴⁰ "Just as the weeds are sorted out and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will remove from his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² And the angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in their Father's Kingdom. Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand!

ANCHORING PRAYER *"Heavenly Father, I am listening."*

REVIEW OF THE HEART

- *What reminds me of the fact that I belong to God's Kingdom and am not of this world?*
- *What weeds do I see and how do I react to them as I live in this world?*

WISDOM

But in the end, the holy people of the Most High will be given the kingdom, and they will rule forever and ever." Daniel 7:18

"The unattended garden will soon be overrun with weeds; the heart that fails to cultivate truth and root out error will shortly be a theological wilderness." A.W. Tozer

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, others, and me.*

CLOSING PRAYER

And now we entrust ourselves to You, O God, and the message of Your grace that is able to build us and give us an inheritance with all those You have set apart for Yourself. Amen. Acts 20:32 (adapted)

SACRED SPACE EVERY DAY
Become still and quiet before God.
Be filled with the Holy Spirit.
Pray for the Sacred Space Community.
Minister from a listening heart.