Matthew chapter 13
thank you Lord
thank you thank you God
Matthew chapter 13
begin reading in verse number 24
good to see everybody here today
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Bible says in another parable put he forth unto them saying
the kingdom of heaven is locked into a man which sowed good seed in his field
but while men slipped his enemy came
and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way
but when the blade was sprung up and brought forth fruit then appeared the tares
also
so the servants of the householder came and said to him sir
didst thou sow good seed in the field
from whence then hath it tares he said unto them an enemy hath done this
so the servant said unto him wilt thou then that we go and gather them up
but he said nay
lest while ye gather up the tares ye root up also the wheat with them
let both grow together until the harvest and in
the time of harvest I will say to the reapers
gather ye together first the tares
and bind them in bundles to burn them
but gather the wheat into my barn
that is the parable of the wheat and the tares and we go now to verse number 36
we see where the disciples are alone with Jesus in the house
and they ask for the Lord to teach them what that parable means
we're not left alone to interpret this one Jesus himself does
verse 36 says then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house
and his disciples came unto him saying declare unto us
the parables of the tares of the field
he answered and said unto them
he that soweth the good seed is the son of man
the field is the world the good seed are the children of the kingdom
but the tares are the children of the wicked one
the enemy that sowed them is the devil
the harvest is the end of the world and the reapers are the angels
as therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire
so shall it be in the end of this world
the son of man shall send forth his angels
and they shall gather out of his kingdom
all things that offend them which do iniquity
and shall cast them into a furnace of fire
and there shall be wailing
and gnashing of teeth
then shall the righteous shine forth as a son in the kingdom of their father
who hath ears to hear
let him hear
let's pray
the Lord the only thing I have to offer you is my voice

Lord for such amazing long suffering and grace
that you have shown me
Lord that you indeed have shown this entire world
Lord give me the words
and the humility and the courage
Lord to share your message this is your truth
and Lord that you would do with it
when only you can
Lord thank you for allowing us to be here today
in Jesus' sweet name I pray
Amen Amen
My grandbabies
have taught me many things
I can come home from a
I call it the salt mine
from pounding salt all day and tired and frustrated
and I hear that little redhead say hey pop
and it just brings joy into my life
a smile on their face
having them grandbabies reminded me of things
there's a reason that young people have babies
and not old people have babies
because those young'uns are exhausting
but I've also been reminded
that there's things that are simply they're too big for them
they don't understand when my babies moved across the street
pop decided they need a swimming pool
so we put in a swimming pool at the house
and it makes me nervous a little bit I had to have a fence up and do some things
but I knew they didn't recognize the danger of that so the responsibility was on me
I know that they need to know certain things so I've got to bring things down
to their level of understanding
so that they can grasp it
and they can get it
folks think about God
how big God is
how much God knows
and how different we are than Him
God knows that there are things that we have to know
must know
can't afford to not know but God also knows
we're nowhere near His level
of understanding
or comprehension
so the Lord
takes these
eternal truths and He brings them down to
the level of man who was created out of dust
so that we can grasp them
and really we find that

no better
than in the parables
of the Lord Jesus
I say with the church Wednesday night folks most of the time
I don't know what I'm going to preach on the next night the next week whatever
but the Lord doesn't lead a little differently I want to spend some time I feel led
to spend some time
in the parables of Jesus after all these are His lessons
these are His sermons
these are His words these are the things that He taught amongst the people
a few months ago we looked here in Matthew chapter 13
it was past Wednesday night we looked at the parable of the Good Samaritan
but a few months ago we were in Matthew chapter 13 and we looked at verses
18 through 23 there and that's the parables of the sower
where the seed Jesus says the seed is the word of
God and the grounds are different types of people
there's four different types of people here listening
to parables of the sower one is the wayside ground
he said that wayside ground is a scary piece of ground to be on is when the seed
is cast out it's not received it's not believed it's not embraced
and that the very wicked one
comes down and snatches it away
do y'all realize today in this church in this church
if the word of God goes out and it is not received it is not embraced
it is left just laying
on the shelf of your mind
that Satan himself
will snatch away
that's scary
there's the seed that is sown among here on the stony places
it's a superficial reception it actually comes up just a little bit
but it's a superficial reception it doesn't have any root it never gets down deep
and because of that when the fire gets hot and the word begins to offend
it just withers away
it just disappears
there's a seed that is sown amongst thorns what's
the problem what's the problem with the thorn and thorns life
well because you love so many things so much more than you do the Lord and his word
it never comes up
and it never produces and it absolutely just gets choked out
so you got those who hear and they don't receive it Satan snatches it away
you got that it's stoned amongst in the stony places
and they're just offended over time because the word
guess what the word it requires things of us it does
it's meant to change our life
and there's no root it didn't really take root it withers
and then these amongst the thorns
the cares of this world the seedfulness
of life of riches
it just chokes it out

but the Lord said there's some good ground
it's good ground
how do you know it's good ground because it brings forth fruit
the seed come in the seed does what it does
it changes a man's life that's the parable of the sower
then Jesus moves directly into another farming parable
here is the parable of the wheat and the tares
and folks this is either really really disturbing or it's really really encouraging
it's really really comforting or it's really really alarming
it all depends on one of two things
if you're wheat
or if you're a tare
folks this is a parable about people
I want us to look here in verse 27
and there's a problem that is recognized verse 24
it says another parable put he forth unto them saying the kingdom of heaven
is like it to a man which sowed good seed in his field
but while a man slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat
and when his wave and when the blade was sprung up and brought forth then appeared
the tares also that's what had occurred so now verse 27
there's a problem that is recognized so the servants of the household
co-holder came and said it to him didst thou not sow good seed in the field
from whence then
hath it tares
I did some studying on this a while back very important point to recognize
that for much of its existence it is very very
difficult to distinguish wheat from a tare
they look nearly identical a tare is what is called
a darnell weed
I mean they look just alike
and the reality is you can't tell the difference in these two things
until maturity when this wheat and the tare they grow up together and they're
looking
like the same thing but when they finally reach
the point of maturity that is when you can begin
to see the difference and notice the difference
in these two different things the wheat
it has this big head on it and it flops over
but the darnell weed it just grows straight up and has this inedible fruit on it
and you can notice and see the difference in those things
folks you could camp out here for a while
that cliche time would tell has great spiritual relevance
time would tell
they don't get sideways with me over this
but you're probably not ever going to hear your preacher say
hey we had eight people get saved in service this morning
if we have eight people that come up and profess that they were saved
I'm going to say hey we had eight people who profess they come up and put their
faith in the Lord here's my answer to that I can hear professions
time will tell

time will tell
whether God has done a work in a man's life or not but
these two things grow up and the problem is recognized
and now these servants are
perplexed they're puzzled they're really bothered
by what they see look here verse number 27
it says so the service of the householder came and said to him sir didst thou not sow
good seed in the field from when it's thin
hath it tears did you not sow the right thing
Ricky I'm driving through Kentucky yesterday this was just all over me we get all these fields and this harvest and all of these things are going on and I'm looking at
these come up and these servants come and they realize they got a good owner
he's really good and they look and say well we couldn't
tell the difference for a while but now it's obvious
so they arrive with two questions and a faulty assumption
if you sow the right thing then why are there tears out here
did you mess up somehow
folks
that faulty assumption
is still a very relevant one and common one in our day
you ever heard this
if God is God and God is good
then why does this look like it does
listen that's a fair question
that's a question you know what it's not unanswerable
the Lord the here in this parable he gives the answer
of what happened here's a clear correction verse 28
he said it to them an enemy hath done this
this wasn't my doing I didn't get it wrong an enemy has come in while we have slept and he has sowed these gardener weeds amongst my wheat this is the work of the enemy
how does that relate to us in God folks we
gotta go back we must return back continually
and constantly
back to the very beginning in Genesis chapter 1
where God made this thing he built this thing and he looked at it and said hey this is good this is very very very good we've got what we got in this world not because God has messed up but because an enemy has planted and been at work
that's the reality
that's the truth folks but we must also realize
this involves more than just the world in which we live in
it also pertains to the churches in which we attend
Warren Wiersbe made a statement many years ago
it says wherever the Lord sows a true Christian
rest assured that Satan will sow a counterfeit
folks we've got a large church and there's no doubt in my mind that some of you here you are struggling to believe
you're truly bothered by it because you look and you see the lives of people who are professing Christians you see that their works do not match their words you look

can see that their life is no different than anyone else's I'm not just talking
about a believer who stumbles I'm talking about weeds
whose works are worthless and you actually begin to evaluate the truth of the gospel
and the Lord Jesus Christ because you have seen such utter failure
in the lives not just across the world but even
within our own churches and you struggle with that
can I tell you something friend
it ain't new and it ain't going away
Jesus himself said it would be that way all we gotta do is go back to the very
beginning where Cain decided he was gonna offer his own offering to God
it's always been that way that the wheat and the tares grow up in the same place
but let me tell you this if you're one of them
people there's also some really really really
fine wheat there are some real deal
people genuine born again children of God that God has made them God has created
them
God is growing up don't you allow those tares to disrupt your walk don't you allow
those tares to be reflection upon the Lord those two
things are growing up together but God's got his wheat
he's got his children and that is where we must focus our eyes
but these servants come and they have this thought
the assumption that somehow did you do something wrong
God's God and God's good and I look this way he said no no an enemy
has done this
so now we go and there's an option here
that is rejected look what it said here in verse number 28
he said so the servant said in verse 27
the household came and said to him sir does not sow good seed in the field from
which
sin hath it tears he said unto them an enemy hath done this
and the servant said unto him wilt thou then we go and gather them up
but he said nay
lest while you gather up the tares
you root up also the wheat with them
folks scripture tells us to cling to that
which is good and despise that which is evil
there is no room in biblical Christianity to accept anything and everything it
simply
ain't biblical it simply is not right we must recognize sin in our own lives we must
recognize sin in the world I say that to say this it
is not my job it is not your job to root up the tares
folks salvation
is a work of God from beginning to end
salvation
is a work of God Nikki that before you come to know the Lord you were dead in your
trespasses and sin you want to know what happened God manifested himself to you
you were blind you were dead you couldn't see
Brittany and Ethan preached about
the fall of man this morning we are sinners by nature and by choice that we are dead
separated from God you know what happened God got involved

God got involved he spoke to your heart he opened
your eyes he drew you you had to make a decision
of faith am I going to believe or not God comes in
he recreates a man he makes a new man he pardons that man forgives that man he seals that man it's all a God thing salvation is a work of God
so too
is the pulling up and the rooting up of the tares
see we're unwise and we're reckless we don't have all the facts we don't know all the
means and the method
he says I know you got good intentions there you want to get those tares out of my field but what you're going to do if you get in there with your reckless hands you're going to do more harm than good
now let me say this this is not talking about discipline within the local body in the
church that's not what this is about
that's biblical and at times it is in order
what God is talking about is this rooting up and this separating and that this is a work of God but no Susan no David no Stacey no Shane no every single one of us that these things are going to grow up together and for most of its existence you're not even going to be able to tell them apart because they wear the same things they look the same thing they speak the same language I'm not talking about the world I'm talking about within the church itself they grow up they grow up grow up but guess what by the time they reach maturity time will tell whether or not that thing is God's weed or whether or not it's the enemy's tear and we look at this and go how do we deal with this thing and the Lord says it
ain't your job to try to root this stuff out of
listen to this parable
and they said Lord
tell us what this means tell us what this is about
and this is where the parable goes away
and the truth of reality is clearly put forth read with me if you would
verse 20
36
then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house and his disciples came to him saying declare unto us the parable the tares of field he answered and said it soweth the good seed is the son of man the field is the world and the good seed are the children of the kingdom but the tares are the children of the wicked one
didn't Jesus even say to those
scribes and Pharisees in his day you claim that
Abraham is your father your father is the devil
but Jesus says the enemy that sowed them is the devil
the harvest is the end of the
as therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire so shall it be in this world the son of man shall send forth his angels and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity and shall cast them into a furnace of fire and there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth then shall the righteous shine forth as a son in the
and let's think really deeply upon what the Lord is saying right here
stop

that there is coming a day
where my God he is no respecter of persons what does that mean he ain't biased in the
least bit he ain't prejudiced in the least bit he don't play favorites no this free gift of grace has gone out upon all men because all men
stand in condemnation but I love it he loves people like me
that this God who is no respecter of persons what absolutely is coming back and he will respect all people this God is going to divide and he is going to separate it is
the harvest of the Lord where he is going to come in and the sheep and the goats they
grow here they live here they share the same pasture they grow up together they
we can't pull them out of here we'll do more harm than good but God says it's coming today my friend that my harvest will happen and I will separate
the tares and their torment friend if this is you
right now
you are enjoying the very breath that God in his love gives you
you experience in friends and family and food
long suffering and mercy and grace and benefits and life and joy and children and grandchildren and husbands and wives but you're not really bothered by spiritual things because you live for the temporal things you're just going through all of this
but listen understand there is coming a day when this great God is going to come back
and he will display his absolute authority that the tares will be gathered and if this is you you don't get a vote you can't say no you can't abstain you will be gathered you will be brought together to face the eternal fury and fire of God where where there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth all light all love all mercy all grace all hope is eradicated and it's gone and it's left and you say why preacher
why would God do this because you stepped over the same cross that Jesus died on to save your soul you stepped over the blood of the lamb he spoke he spoke he was patient he was kind he was kind but you were unbothered you never repented you never believed you never turned to him in faith and so now you just mingle up here with the
wheat and tears all go together no no no that God says I'm coming
and I will remove them
and I will bundle them up
in eternal
torment
where there's wailing
and gnashing of teeth
folks this is reality
this is reality
and I'm telling you the same test
that you can use with a tear
and wheat needs to be done in our life can I look at my life and go are there fruits of redemption is there a change in attitude change in focus change in desire change in love change in worship what I live for what I long for who I live for who I long for have I been redeemed by the blood of the lamb not have I experienced

a moment way back when but to right now do I love this God do I submit to this God do I crave this God do I clean this God do I know that I know down deep in my soul is this same God that saved me because let me tell you this the same God that saves you is the God that you must be saved from because he is coming back and he is taking
the tears and he is taking them out of the way
but praise God
he's also coming back to gather some wheat into his barn
amen what a day my
farmer comes down
and he takes his children
those who have been redeemed by his amazing grace those who were old men who have been made new those who were dead men are now made alive those who were lost have now
been found he said they will shine like the sun why because it's the very glory of God it's shining in their life the very holiness and righteousness of Christ it's shining in their life and God says hey I know you're growing up in this thing right now and it looks bad but no no no no I'm coming back and I'm going to gather my children into my barn into my heavenly home no sickness no sin no disease no decay no
pain no washing nothing nothing nothing but experience the glory and the power of God
folks this ain't a maybe it ain't a maybe it is a definite
it has been predetermined it has been predestined it
is going to happen that this great king is coming back
and if you come back today
there's tears here and you will spend eternity separated from the Lord
there's some wheat here
there's some wheat
life's hard though
it's hard
he's coming back to gather you
I love his barn
his home
his peace
I want to close with this look how Jesus ended this parable
then shall the righteous shine forth as the son in the kingdom of their father
who hath ears to hear
let him hear
that for that that means that you have to do something with this
that means Tyler
can can you hear
can you hear out after if you come and get us a song I want to ask everybody to stand
I want you to see this picture that the Lord painted
these things growing up together
real people didn't know the difference
not until it comes for the harvest
then it was obvious
well maybe we just need to go in and start rooting out all

these people please keep your careless hands to yourself
let God be God
because in time
he will separate he will divide
do you know
it's your wheat
can I get an amen if you know do you know do you know
I am one of his sheep I am a kernel of his wheat all thanks to the grace of God you said preacher I really don't know I could be one of these tares because I don't know hey get it right right now let's pray heavenly father lord I thank you I thank you thank you thank you that your marvelous grace would come into this world full of sinful men dear lord of whom I am chief but your great love and your mercy lord you died in my place you died for me to the glory of your great name and God I pray today
if there's someone in this church they might be religious but
your plan you haven't lost your authority you will lose none who are in your hand and
God you're coming to bring us home
this vapor is but a vapor that we keep our eyes on the prize and worship you and walk
in spirit and truth in Jesus sweet name I pray amen what number are they out there 60
let's all sing
oh my god
oh my god
oh my god
if we're gonna shine like the sun tomorrow we need to be shining today oh my god oh my god so shine oh my god they may see our good works and glorify our father which is in heaven oh my god great if you're a tear run to this altar
if you do not know god cry out to him
When I teach the church to see, when I look upon
His face, the heart will shake me by His face.
When He claims to God's hands, when He says to God's face, when He says to God's face,
when He says to God's face, when He says to God's face, when He says
to God's face, when He says to God's face, when He says to God's face.
Anybody got anything on your heart this morning before we dismiss?
Hope to see all of you back tonight at 5 o'clock for Eden's service.
We've got a fellowship meal afterwards.
Be plenty of food.