

Kings Norton Baptist Church

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The weeds and the wheat - Why people listen or don't listen to God's word

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Jesus said **his sheep** "follow him because they know his voice." "I am the good shepherd; he said "I know my sheep and my sheep know me—" Joh 10:4,14

Why do some people know His voice and others not? Why do some people heed His words and others not? This morning you will hear the reason why.

This morning's parable takes us backstage. It exposes the invisible. The Lord tells us the reason behind why some people love Him and other not.

It is the parable of the wheat and the weeds, or the wheat and the tares.

Who has heard a sermon on this parable?

Quite, it's almost unheard of. How ironic when the parable just before it is so commonly referred to. Let us never be selective in approaching scripture!

With the parable of the weeds and the wheat some of you here won't like it, you will be 'offended', but in doing so you will display the truth of it!

Jesus wants you to hear this parable just as much as he wants you to hear of the parable of the sower or the soil which is a key parable - for it shows the way into the Kingdom of God - and what type of person will enter.

It's also key because whichever one of the four attitudes towards the word of God you have here - reveals what you will do with any other scripture.

This parable of the wheat and weeds which is straight after it, is linked to it, and it explains why the hearers in the parable of the soil respond as they do.

Jesus puts them together for a reason. The first parable exposes the attitude of the human heart to the word of God, the second parable explains why there's that attitude.

And just as everyone here is in the first parable – so we are all in this one!

Jesus starts as he often does by saying 24"**The kingdom of heaven is like** And what is it like? It is **like a man who sowed good seed in his field.**

Here as before, Jesus gives us the interpretation, so we are in no doubt as to what it means – **The interpretation explains the parable - and the parable illustrates the interpretation.**

36 **Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."**

37 **He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.**

The Son of man is one of Jesus' oft used titles. He is speaking of himself. Jesus sows the **good seed**. And what is the seed?

Previously we are told the good seed is the word of God, here **the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom...** the children of the kingdom.

As children we are those who are rightly related to God, and made that way by adoption. Some say 'we are all children of God' it's a sort of nice idea, but it's not true, nor experienced! We all lost that right to sonship back in the garden! It is through Christ, the second Adam who by His presence adopts us into God's family so we can call God our father - and know it!

Christians are the good seed, precious seed, scattered and dispersed, here one and there another, though in some places thicker sown than in others.

⇒ **From the good seed - good fruit is expected - x2.**

Where is the seed sown? In the field? Jesus says 38 **The field is the world.**

The wheat, the good seed is sown throughout the world, there are Christians everywhere. 25 **But ... his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat.**

These weeds are sown in the same place alongside the good seed. In fact the disciples call this parable "**the weeds in the field**" v35

What are the weeds? Jesus tells us **the weeds are the sons of the evil one**, v38

And who sowed the weeds? 28 '**An enemy did this,**' he replied. And all this is made clear to us: v39 **the enemy who sows them is the devil.** Here is the sworn enemy of Christ, of His people and of all that is good. His aim is to steal away the glory due to God - onto himself. He is an enemy to the field of the world, which he endeavours to make his own by sowing his weeds in it. Ever since he became an evil spirit - he has been busy promoting wickedness.

The weeds or tares are the children of the evil one. His character moulds their character - he prompts them to sin and they sin, he is a liar so his followers are liars, and hypocrites, and profane and wicked. Their character becomes his character - for we all become more and more like the one we follow, I hope you realise that!!

They are the children of the devil, and though they do not know it or own his name, yet they bear his image. As the god of this age he rules over them, he teaches them, he works in them, and they do his bidding. Eph 2:2; Joh 8:44.

And how does this happen?

Because 25 **everyone was sleeping**, You can imagine a man coming in and tiptoeing past sleeping sentries to scatter the bad seed.

The devil can do it because those tasked with looking after the farm and the fields were sleeping when they should have been watching. Did they not believe that an enemy existed? **You lock your front door because you believe there are burglars around?** Every Christian should be alert and on guard. Jesus tells us to 'keep **watch**'. We should be sober minded, vigilant and awake. The devil sows his evil when we as Christians sleep!

⇒ **You know the phrase for "evil to prevail good men need do nothing"**

Or say nothing - So let us not be sleepy Christians, let us not forget grace and be sluggish towards duty; let us not be lukewarm to the cause of Christ; unconcerned about sin and succumb to worldly cares. Let us keep the spiritual disciplines; let us be awake and self-controlled, let us keep spiritual company, let us not give up in looking out expectantly for the bridegroom's coming.

Satan finds an opening and opportunity for evil and profanity when our witness and testimony as Christians is weak. It happens when the preaching of truth - which should have prevented this mischief, - is abandoned.

✦ **That was not true of the Godly Reformers of the past in our land. They shone so brightly in their towns and confronted evil so forcefully that there was a marked difference throughout the areas they lived in.**

Let us shine as a light to expel the darkness, as Ps 104 says otherwise **it becomes night, - and all the beasts of the forest prowl.** Ps 104:20

The weeds are sown in the field where the wheat is growing.

So what happens? 26 **When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared.** God has so ordered that the good and the bad be mixed together in this world.

These weeds are in the same field as the wheat, - they have the same soil, the same rain, the same sunshine as the wheat but are good for nothing, they do no good, they hurt; they are unprofitable - and just produce more weeds.

There are two groups of people in this world, God has so ordered it. Not meaning the rich and the poor, not the oppressor and the victim, but the sons of the evil one - and the sons of the kingdom. Jesus elsewhere calls them the sheep and the goats. They are the spiritual and the carnal, the regenerate and the unregenerate, those who have received mercy and those who haven't, the sons of God and the sons of the devil. Everywhere two types, even here.

The wheat came sprouted and formed ears The sons of the Kingdom, Christ's people, sown by him to bring good fruit – do produce fruit, will and must produce fruit. The work of Grace in the heart will show, it will show in a fruitful life – maybe much fruit – or maybe little fruit – but it will show.

But while this is happening **then the weeds also appeared.** x2 In our midst we find weeds growing too. And what do they do? They try to stifle the wheat and stop the sons of the Kingdom from living fruitful lives.

Christian, do you realise the influence of unbelievers upon you? The closer they are to you, the more effect they can have on you. The more unbelievers appear to be Christians when they are not - the more damage is done.

Christians should be like good gardeners who can easily spot the weeds.

⇒ The message of this parable is 'watch out' - the weeds look like wheat!

The word for the weeds is ζιζάνιον zizánion, dziz-an'-ee-on; meaning one of four species of Darnel, which grows in the grain fields as tall as wheat and barley, it is a false grain: a sort of wheat, and when it is sown it looks like wheat, except the grains are black.

⇒ The Jews considered it a degenerate wheat. The rabbis called it "bastard wheat" The seeds are poisonous producing sleepiness, nausea, convulsions and even death. The plants can be separated out, but the custom, as in the parable, is to leave the cleaning out till near the time of harvest.

The commentator Gill goes on to say: It takes a while before it is discernible that they are not true wheat. They look like good seed when they first appear among the people of God; they seemed to have the truth of grace, as others have; like the earlier parable they quickly profess faith and when it springs up look like true wheat. But they are discernible both by their unfruitfulness in their lives and conversations, and by their bad principles, which they now endeavoured to spread to the hurt of the churches where they are.

However, in opposing and dampening the zeal and fruitfulness of true converts they show themselves to be very different – and so all becomes clear to both ministers and churches alike. (Alt.)

✦ The Biblical scholar William Vine says: The Lord describes these as "the sons of the evil one;" that in their falseness they merge their false teachings in with their counterparts (alt.)

The result is disharmony and confusion amongst God's people because in pretending to be true wheat - it is not only in the world they cause their damage - but when they are found in the church.

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No wonder 28 **The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?'** 29 "No," he answered, **'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest.**

⇒ So both the Godly and the ungodly remain alongside each other. Can you tell who is who? Shouldn't it be easy to tell who is who? Not always....

As we have said those who are weeds or tares pretend to be wheat.

Jesus says some you will know by their lack of fruit but there will be others who produce what looks like fruit.

✦ Someone going up to pin plastic fruit onto a fruit tree, you will have to go very close to spot the difference. - Or plastic flowers (a basket upstairs) that look even better than the original, if that were possible.

These ungodly people will appear as wheat and be so good at counterfeiting the Christian life that it is only on the day of harvesting that who they really are will be seen. On that Day all will be revealed. And then Jesus will say those chilling words **Away from me your evil doers, I never knew you.** Mt 7

Is that you?

Then sadly there is wheat - acting like weeds

These are sons of the Kingdom, true Christians who produce little fruit, who have forgotten grace, who have forgotten they have been cleansed from their past sins (2 Peter 1). They are inactive, complacent and idle. They have not built their Christian lives well. They will be saved, but like Lot only as one escaping through the flames. They will be saved for the Lord's honour is at stake, for salvation is His work. But for these there is no reward. Is that you?

True Christian, be strong, show yourself to be worthy of your calling as you produce an abundance of good fruit despite the hindrance of the weeds in your midst. Don't let others stop you from being active and serving the Lord

You can see the connection with the parable just before it. Indeed what we have here is an expansion of the previous verse 23 about bearing good fruit.

The first parable shows the response of different people to the word of God, - which is observable by man. This one goes behind the scenes to explain why some accept and obey God's word - and why some reject God's word.

So when you wonder why some hear the word of God and reject it, then the answer is that they reject because it is in their nature to do so.

You may well be thinking "when I became a Christian I was changed, I was once a rejector of Christ, now I am a follower of Jesus and love His word.

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That is true. That is because you were always a child of the kingdom but at that time lived in deadness and darkness **For God has bound all men over to disobedience** Ro 11:32. Then that wonderful day came when the Lord opened your heart. Then having believed you look back and realise the Lord **chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.** Eph 1:4

Those who are now as you once were in your hostility and rejection of God's word - they may be children of the light – and yet to be made aware of it - or else they are children of the evil one. If that is the case the Lord does not, never will open their hearts to respond because they are predestined not to be children of God – they are sons of the evil one and are as such **prepared for destruction** Rom 9:22b - and described here are weeds.

⇒ A weed is always a weed - and wheat is always wheat. You cannot change from one to the other, you are either one, - or the other.

How do we tell who is who? We can't, at least not before we see evidence of Grace, that is why we witness to Jesus and preach the gospel to everyone. We say to all "Enter in through the narrow gate", but only the wheat will do so when the time is right for them, only the sons of God will be awakened.

While all the dead in sin are under God's just judgment - All who are wheat will be brought to salvation, whether it is at the age of eight, or eighty.

And as this gospel age unfolds we remain all mixed together until.....

The harvest time

At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; - then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."

At the end when Jesus returns he will separate one from the other, the sheep from the goats, the good fish from the bad fish, the wheat and the weeds.

⇒ For some this day of separation will be a wonderful day, for others it will be the most dreadful of days.

The harvesters, whose primary work it is to gather in the corn will be tasked to *gather out the tares*. To weed out the weeds. Though good and bad are together in this world undistinguished, yet at the great day they shall be parted; no tares will then be among the wheat; no sinners among the saints: then all will be made clear who the righteous are - and who the wicked are.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 40 "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

This world will come to an end; It will not always continue. At the end time will be swallowed up in eternity. The great Day of judgment has come.

41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

All the weeds, the sons of the evil one, unrepentant, holding on to their own way not God's way, will be gathered up, bundled up and thrown into hell with all its fiery torments **where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Those who have preferred sin, will in shame and sorrow be cast into a furnace of fire; Like the useless weeds thrown on the bonfire they will be burned up. There will be comfortless sorrow and the endless torture due to damned souls. **Let us all here be aware of the terrors of the Lord, that there be no-one persuaded to make light of sin and judgment and continue remain in it.** GOSPEL

⇒ **This punishment of the wicked before / in front of the Righteous** Rev 18?

But the wheat, Christ's people whose sins He bore as He shed His blood, will be safely carried by angels to Christ's side - all from the OT, all from the NT, from all around the world - not one will be missing. **"Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."** Ps 50:5

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

Shining as a reflection of the light from the Fountain of light; God will own us for his children, and will produce the record of all our services and sufferings for his name: we will shine as the sun, the most glorious of all visible beings.

Jesus says **He who has ears, let him hear.**" Do you hear His word?, and obey it? Are you one of Jesus's sheep who hear his voice and follow Him? ?

These two whole parables explain who Jesus' true disciples are. You could say all of this is to explain who are in Jesus' eternal family Mt 12:49-50

Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother." Will he point also to you, "you too are my brother and sister".

Jesus said: **"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."** Joh 15:8

Who is it who will do this? It is not the weeds or tares, no they will not - for they cannot. They are prepared for a different destiny. It is the wheat, sown by the Son of man who will produce the fruit. May sure that is you. **END**

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耶穌說他的羊「跟隨他，因為認得他的聲音」。

「我是好牧人；他說：「我認識我的羊，我的羊也認識我——」約 10:4,14

為什麼有些人聽得懂他的聲音，而有些人卻不認識？為什麼有的人聽他的話，有的人不聽？今天早上你會聽到原因。

今天早上的寓言帶我們回到後台。它暴露了看不見的東西。主告訴我們為什麼有些人愛他，有些人不愛他。

這是麥子和稗子，或是麥子和稗子的比喻。

誰聽過關於這個比喻的講道？

確實，這幾乎是聞所未聞。前面的比喻如此普遍地被提及，這是多麼諷刺。讓我們在學習聖經時永遠不要有選擇性！

對於雜草和小麥的比喻，你們中的一些人可能會不喜歡它，你們會“被冒犯”，但這樣做就會展示它的真相！

耶穌希望你聽到這個比喻，就像他希望你聽到撒種者或土壤的比喻一樣，這是一個關鍵的比喻 - 因為它表明了進入神的國度的道路 - 以及什麼樣的人會進入。

這也是關鍵，因為無論你對神話語的四種態度中的哪一種，都**揭示了**你將如何對待任何其他經文。

緊接著的小麥和雜草的比喻與之相關，它解釋了為什麼土壤比喻中的聽眾會做出這樣的反應。

耶穌把它們放在一起是有原因的。第一個比喻揭示了人心對神的話語的態度，第二個比喻解釋了為什麼會有這種態度。

正如這裡的**每個人都在第一個比喻中**一樣 -

所以我們都在這個比喻中！

耶穌一如往常開始說：24「天國就像...它是什麼樣子？就像一個人把好種子撒在田裡。

和以前一樣，耶穌在這裡給了我們解釋，所以我們對它的意思毫無疑問——解釋解釋了比喻——而比喻說明了解釋。

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然後耶穌離開人群，進了屋子。門徒前來對他說：“請給我們解釋一下田間稗子的比喻吧。”

37 他回答說：「撒好種子的是人子。

人子是耶穌經常使用的頭銜之一。他在說他自己。耶穌播撒好種子。種子是什麼？

之前我們被告知良種是神的道，這裡良種代表國度之子.....國度之子。

作為孩子，我們是那些與上帝有正確關係的人，並且是透過收養而形成的。有人說“我們都是上帝的孩子”，這是一個好主意，但這不是事實，也不是經驗豐富的！我們在花園裡都失去了兒子名分的權利！正是透過基督，第二個亞當，祂的臨在將我們接納為上帝的家庭，這樣我們就可以稱上帝為我們的父親——並且知道這一點！

基督徒是好種子，寶貴的種子，分散且分散，這裡一處，那裡另一處，儘管有些地方比其他地方撒得更密。

□ 來自好種子 - 期望結出好果實 - x2。

種子播在哪裡？在該領域？耶穌說 38 田地就是世界。

麥子，好種子撒在世界各地，到處都有基督徒。25 但是.....他的敵人來了，在麥子裡撒下了雜草。

這些雜草與好種子一起播種在同一個地方。事實上，門徒稱這個比喻為「田間的稗子」v35

雜草是什麼？耶穌告訴我們，雜草是惡者的子孫，第 38 節

誰播種了雜草？28

他回答說：“這是敵人幹的。”這一切都向我們表明了：39節撒種的仇敵就是魔鬼。這是基督、祂的子民和一切美好事物的不共戴天的敵人。他的目的是要把上帝應得的榮耀偷到自己身上。他是世界的敵人，他試圖透過在其中播種雜草來將其據為己有。自從他成為邪靈以來，他就一直忙於宣揚邪惡。

雜草或稗子是惡者的子孫。他的性格塑造了他們的性格——他促使他們犯罪，他們也犯罪，他是一個騙子，所以他的追隨者都是騙子、偽君子、褻瀆和邪惡的。他們的性格變成了他的性格，因為我們都變得越來越像我們所追隨的人，我希望你意識到這一點！

他們是魔鬼的孩子，雖然他們不知道也不知道他的名字，但他們卻帶有他的形象。作為這個時代的神，祂統治著他們，祂教導他們，祂在他們身上工作，他們聽從祂的命令。弗 2:2；約 8:44。

這是怎麼發生的？

因為25號**每個人都在睡覺，你可以想像一個人走進來，躡手躡腳地經過熟睡的哨兵，去撒播壞種子。**

魔鬼之所以能做到這一點，是因為那些負責照顧農場和田地的人在他們應該看守的時候卻在睡覺。難道他們不相信有敵人存在嗎？你鎖上前門是因為你相信周圍有竊賊嗎？**每一個基督徒都應該警惕、警惕。耶穌告訴我們要「警醒」。我們應該保持清醒、警覺、清醒。當我們基督徒睡覺時，魔鬼就播撒邪惡的種子！**

□ 你知道「惡有惡報，好人無事可做」這句話

或什麼也不說—所以，讓我們不要成為昏昏欲睡的基督徒，讓我們不要忘記恩典，對責任懶惰；我們不要對基督的事業不冷不熱；對罪惡漠不關心，屈服於世俗的憂慮。讓我們遵守精神紀律；讓我們保持清醒和自製，讓我們保持精神陪伴，讓我們不放棄期待新郎的到來。

當我們作為基督徒的見證和見證薄弱時，撒但就會為邪惡和褻瀆找到機會。當真理的傳播——本應防止這種惡作劇——被放棄時，就會發生這種情況。

對於我們國家過去的虔誠改革者來說，情況並非如此。他們在自己的城鎮中如此耀眼，並如此有力地對抗邪惡，以至於他們所居住的地區之間存在著顯著的差異。

讓我們像一盞明燈一樣發光，驅逐黑暗，正如詩篇 104 所說，否則就會變成黑夜，——森林裡所有的野獸都在徘徊。詩 104:20

雜草被播種在生長小麥的田地裡。

那麼會發生什麼事呢？ 26

麥子發芽長穗的時候，稗子也長出來了。上帝命令這個世界善惡混雜。

這些雜草和小麥在同一個田裡，它們和小麥有同樣的土壤、同樣的雨水、同樣的陽光，但它們沒有任何好處，它們沒有任何好處，它們有害；它們無利可圖，只會產生更多雜草。

這個世界上有兩種人，上帝就是這樣安排的。不是指富人和窮人，不是壓迫者和受害者，而是邪惡者的子孫——以及王國的子孫。耶穌在別處稱之為綿羊和山羊。他們是屬靈的和屬肉體的、重生的和未重生的、接受憐憫的和沒有接受憐憫的、上帝的兒子和魔鬼的兒子。到處都有兩種類型，即使在這裡也是如此。

麥子發芽了，形成了穗子，天國的眾子，基督的子民，由他播種，要結出好果子—確實結出果子，願意也必須結出果子。恩典在心中的工作會表現出來，它會在富有成效的生活中表現出來——也許結出很多果子，也可能結出很少的果子——但它會表現出來。

但當這種情況發生時，雜草也出現了。 x2

我們發現雜草也在我們中間生長。他們做什麼？他們試圖扼殺小麥，阻止王國的子民過著豐碩的生活。

基督徒，你意識到非信徒對你的影響嗎？他們離你越近，對你的影響就越大。越多的非信徒表面上是基督徒，但其實他們並不是——造成的傷害就越大。基督徒應該像優秀的園丁一樣，能夠輕鬆發現雜草。

□ 這個比喻的訊息是「小心」—雜草看起來像小麥！

雜草的字是 zizánion, dziz-an'-ee-

on；意思是四種黑麥草之一，生長在與小麥和大麥一樣高的糧田中，它是一種假穀物：一種小麥，播種時看起來像小麥，只是穀物是黑色的。

□

猶太人認為它是一種退化的小麥。拉比們稱之為「雜種小麥」。這些種子有毒，會導致困倦、噁心、抽搐甚至死亡。植物可以被分離出來，但正如寓言中那樣，習俗是將清理工作留到接近收穫的時候。

評論員吉爾接著說：需要一段時間才能辨別出它們不是真正的小麥。當他們第一次出現在上帝的子民中間時，他們看起來就像是好種子；他們似乎和其他人一樣擁有恩典的真理；就像前面的比喻一樣，他們很快就表達了信仰，當它發芽時，看起來就像真正的小麥。但他們的生活和言談毫無成果，而且他們的不良原則是顯而易見的，他們現在正試圖傳播這些原則，傷害他們所在的教會。

然而，在反對和抑制真正皈依者的熱情和成果方面，他們表現出截然不同的態度——因此，對於牧師和教會來說，一切都變得很清楚。

（替代）

聖經學者威廉·瓦恩說：上主將這些人描述為「惡人的兒子」；在他們的虛假中，他們將自己的錯誤教義與他們的同行融合在一起（替代）

結果是上帝子民之間的不和諧和混亂，因為他們假裝是真正的小麥——不僅在世界上造成了損害——

而且當他們在教會中被發現時也是如此。

難怪 28 僕人問他：『你要我們去把它們拔出來嗎？』 29

他回答說：『不，因為你拔除稗子的時候，可能會把麥子也連起來。30 兩者一起生長直到收穫。

□

因此，敬虔的人和不敬虔的人仍然並肩作戰。你能分辨出誰是誰嗎？難道不應該很容易分辨誰是誰嗎？不總是...

正如我們所說，那些是雜草或稗子的人假裝是麥子。

耶穌說，有些人因缺乏果子而被認出，但也有其他人結出看起來像果子的東西。

有人要把塑膠水果釘在果樹上，你必須走得很近才能發現差異。 - 或塑膠花（樓上的籃子），如果可能的話，看起來比原來的更好。

這些不敬虔的人會以麥子的形式出現，並且非常善於偽造基督徒的生活，以至於只有在收割的那一天，他們的真實面目才會被看見。在那一天，一切都會被揭露，然後耶穌會說出那些令人毛骨悚然的話語，遠離我，你們這些作惡的人，我從來不認識你們。 7號山是你嗎？

可悲的是，還有小麥——表現得像雜草一樣

這些人是天國的兒子，真正的基督徒，他們結不出多少果子，他們忘記了恩典，他們忘記了他們過去的罪孽已經被洗淨了（彼得後書1）。他們不積極、自滿、無所事事。他們沒有建立良好的基督徒生活。他們會得救，但只是像羅得一樣從火焰中逃脫。他們會因著主的榮耀而得救，因為救恩是祂的工作。但對於這些，沒有任何獎勵。那是你嗎？

真正的基督徒，要堅強，儘管有雜草的阻礙，但當你結出豐富的好果子時，要表現出自己配得上你的呼召。不要讓別人阻止你積極事奉主。你可以看到它與前面的比喻的連結。事實上，我們在這裡所看到的是前面第 23 節關於結好果子的擴展。

第一個比喻顯示了不同的人對神的話語的反應，這是人可以觀察到的。這一位在幕後解釋了為什麼有些人接受並遵守神的話語，以及為什麼有些人拒絕神的話語。

因此，當你想知道為什麼有些人聽到神的話卻拒絕它時，答案是他們拒絕，因為這樣做是他們的本性。

你可能會想：「當我成為基督徒時，我發生了改變，我曾經是基督的拒絕者，現在我是耶穌的跟隨者並熱愛祂的話語。

那是真實的。那是因為你一直是天國的孩子，但那時卻活在死亡和黑暗中，因為神捆綁了所有人，讓他們悖逆（羅馬書

11:32）。然後，當主打開你的心時，美好的一天就到來了。相信之後，你回頭看看，就會體認到主在創世之前就在祂裡面揀選了我們，使我們在祂眼中成為聖潔、無可指摘的人。弗 1:4

那些現在和你們曾經一樣敵視和拒絕神的話語的人——

他們可能是光明之子——但尚未被意識到——

否則他們就是邪惡之子。如果情況確實如此，主永遠不會打開他們的心來回應，因為他們注定不是上帝的孩子——

他們是邪惡之子的兒子，因此準備好遭受毀滅（羅馬書 9:22b）——這裡有描述是雜草。

□ 雜草始終是雜草，小麥始終是小麥。你無法從一種改變為另一種，你要么是其中之一，要么是另一種。

我們如何分辨誰是誰？我們不能，至少在我們看到恩典的證據之前不能，這就是為什麼我們為耶穌作見證並向**每個人傳福音**。我們對所有人說“進窄門”，但只有麥子會這樣做，當時機成熟時，只有上帝的兒子們才會被喚醒。

當所有死在罪中的人都在上帝公義的審判之下時——

所有麥子的人都將得到拯救，無論是八歲還是八十歲。

隨著這個福音時代的展開，我們仍然混合在一起，直到...

收穫時節

到時候我就告訴收割的人：先把雜草收起來，紮成捆燒掉； - 然後收集小麥並將其帶入我的穀倉。”

最後，當耶穌回來時，祂會將綿羊與山羊、好魚與壞魚、小麥和雜草分開。

□ 對某些人來說，分離的這一天將是美好的一天，對另一些人來說，這將是最可怕的日子。

收割機的主要工作是收割玉米，而收割機的任務則是收集稗子。來除掉雜草。世間善惡雖同無分別，到了大日卻必分開；那時，麥子中就不再有了；聖徒中沒有罪人：那麼，誰是義人，誰是惡人，所有人都不會一目了然。

收割是時代的終結，收割者是天使。 40

「世界的末了，正如稗子被拔出來，用火焚燒一樣。

這個世界將迎來終結；它不會總是持續下去。最終，時間將被永恆吞噬。偉大的審判日已經到來。

41 人子將派遣祂的使者，他們將從祂的國度中清除一切導致罪惡和一切作惡的人。 42 他們要把他們丟在火爐裡，在那裡必要哀哭切齒了。

所有雜草，惡者之子，不肯悔改，堅持自己的道路，而不是上帝的道路，將被收集起來，捆綁起來，扔進地獄，承受一切熾熱的折磨，在那裡人們將哭泣切齒。

那些偏愛犯罪的人，將在羞辱和悲傷中被丟進火爐裡；就像無用的野草被扔進篝火一樣，它們會被無休無止地燒毀。由於被詛咒的靈魂，將會有無法安慰的悲傷和無盡的折磨。讓我們所有人都意識到主的可怕，沒有人會被說服輕視罪惡和審判並繼續留在其中。福音

□ 惡人在義人面前所受的懲罰 Rev 18？

但是小麥，基督的子民，他在流血時承擔了他們的罪孽，將被天使安全地帶到基督身邊——

所有來自舊約，所有來自新約，來自世界各地——

沒有一個會被遺漏。

“把我的奉獻者聚集到我這裡來，他們通過犧牲與我立下契約。”詩 50:5

那時，義人將在天父的國度裡像太陽一樣發光。如同光之泉的光反射般閃耀；上帝將擁有我們作為祂的孩子，並將為祂的名記錄我們所有的服務和苦難：我們將像太陽一樣發光，是所有可見生物中最榮耀的。

耶穌說，凡有耳的，就應當聽。”你聽到祂的話了嗎？並遵守它嗎？你是耶穌的羊之一，聽到祂的聲音並跟隨祂嗎？

這兩個完整的比喻解釋了耶穌真正的門徒是誰。你可以說這一切都是為了解釋誰是耶穌永恆的家庭中的人太 12:49-50

他指著他的門徒說：「看哪，這是我的母親，我的弟兄。凡遵行我天父旨意的人，我的兄弟姐妹和母親。」」。他會不會也指著你說：「你也是我的兄弟姐妹」。

耶穌說：“你們多結果子，我父就因此得榮耀，你們就表明自己是我的門徒了。”約 15:8

誰會做這件事？這不是雜草或稗子，不，它們不會——

因為它們不能。他們已經為不同的命運做好了準備。人子所播種的麥子將會結出果實。可以確定那就是你。結尾