

**Matthew 13:24-30; 34-43**  
**The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares**

Things hidden will be uncovered. We must wait patiently for the complete removal of the wicked and their corruption. We must wait patiently for the glorification of Christians.

- I. The sons of the kingdom of heaven are sown in the world.
  - A. Jesus explains the kingdom of heaven through this parable.
  - B. Yet the Lord speaks about the world, v. 38.
  - C. The sons of the kingdom are in the world.
  - D. The sons of the evil one are in the world too.
  
- II. The nature of the kingdom of heaven: sowed, attacked, guarded, growing, producing, reaped.
  - A. The kingdom does not simply appear in a flash. Mt 4:17; 10:7.
  - B. People enter the Kingdom of heaven. John 3:3; Mt 4:17; Mt 5-7; Mt 7:24; Mt 7:21.
  - C. The kingdom of heaven brings inimitable blessings to its subjects. Mt 11:5, 28; 12:28.
  - D. The kingdom grows like a field that is sown.
  - E. The kingdom is watched over and protected with great wisdom.
  
- III. The Lord is training us to patient faith and confidence in his wise rule.
  - A. The servants are troubled by the evil they see and want to take the situation in hand quickly.
  - B. The Son of Man has the kingdom well in hand.
  - C. The Lord is not teaching about church discipline, but about the troubling situation of wicked people thriving even as the kingdom grows.
  - D. We are to wait for the brightness of glory, and the fire of judgment. Daniel 12:1-4.
  - E. This parable must speak to each of our hearts: what is your standing in the Lord's field?