The Wheat and The Tares

Ken Chapman · Matthew 13:24–30

INTRODUCTION

- There's a lot of things in Christianity and a lot of things about God that leave this old country boy saying, Why? Why did God do it that way?
- There's a lot of evil in the world. Why? Why does God allow that to exist?
- The Word of God is the seed that is planted in our hearts and is to grow and to produce something.

1 The Reality of Evil

- The first lesson that we can see from this parable is the reality of evil. Evil exists.
- God doesn't have to answer our questions. God doesn't have to give us the whys. But He does.
- In order to give us true freedom and free will, God had to give us the choice to choose wrong. And wrong often leads to evil.
- We can use it to allow ourselves to be lights in the darkness.
- We can use it to grow within us a deep, intense longing for heaven. This world is not my home.

2 The Patience of God

Matthew 13:29–30

- Maybe the primary lesson of the parable of the wheat and the tares, is we see the patience of God.
- You've seen God's patience demonstrated far more often than you've seen it exhausted.
- If we rip out the evil, it might damage and rip out the good.
- The wheat, the good people, might be damaged by the immediate judgment of the evil people.
- That weed, that might be evil today, because of the grace and the mercy and the providence of God, and maybe because of its proximity to the good wheat, that weed can be changed into a wheat.
- And so let's praise God for his patience.

3 The Reality and Finality of Judgment

Matthew 13:36–40

- When you really read the Old Testament, you come away with a very different estimation of God, don't you? God was patient.
- There is patience, but that patience will run out.
- God is patient. He desires that all men come to a knowledge of the saving truth of God.
- God's going to have to separate the tares from the wheat.
- There'll come a time in which a separation has to be made. And God will finally make all things right and declare judgment upon the wicked and the just.

THE CHALLENGE

Is it time for you to be transformed? To allow God to change you from the most worthless, useless weed in the field to what could be the most beautiful and productive.

MY NOTES