

Matthew 13:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

Analysis

Jesus' parable 'The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field' introduces the wheat and tares parable, teaching about the coexistence of true and false believers in the visible church. The 'good seed' represents genuine believers; the field is the world. This parable addresses the problem of evil's presence in God's kingdom and explains why judgment is delayed.

Historical Context

This parable follows the sower, explaining why despite good seed (gospel), not all in the kingdom community are genuine. The kingdom's present form includes both wheat (true believers) and tares (false professors). Separation comes at final judgment, not now.

Related Passages

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does this parable help you understand the presence of false believers in the church?
2. What does this parable teach about God's patience with evil?

Interlinear Text

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Another parable put he forth unto them saying is likened
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ἡ βασιλεία τῶν οὐρανῶν ἀνθρώπῳ σπείροντι καλὸν
G3588 The kingdom G3588 of heaven unto a man which sowed good
G932 G3772 G444 G4687 G2570

σπέρμα ἐν τῷ ἀγρῷ αὐτοῦ
seed in G3588 field unto them
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Additional Cross-References

Matthew 25:1 (Kingdom): Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

Matthew 13:47 (Kingdom): Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind:

Matthew 20:1 (Kingdom): For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.

Matthew 22:2 (Kingdom): The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

Matthew 13:33 (Kingdom): Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

Matthew 13:37 (Good): He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

Luke 13:18 (Kingdom): Then said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and whereunto shall I resemble it?

Luke 13:20 (Kingdom): And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God?

Matthew 13:31 (Kingdom): Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

1 Peter 1:23 (Parallel theme): Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

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