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Parable of the Wheat & the Tares

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**Parable of the Wheat & the Tares
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So often, we think of ourselves as being responsible to pull out the tares from God's field. But the parable of the wheat & the tares told by Yeshua gives a different perspective. In this parable, the servants' first instinct was to pull out the tares as soon as they were spotted. However, the Master told them to wait lest they pull out the wheat along with the tares. Why did the master say this? And what does it teach us to do when we come across people who seem like tares in the field?

Yeshua one day bumped into a Tax Collector. The tax collector was welcoming Yeshua into His house. Pharisees saw how Yeshua went in and came out of the house. The next day the Pharisees see Yeshua walking into a place where the prostitutes hang out and see Him come out later. The next day Yeshua goes into the house of a gang leader responsible for murdering thousands, and comes out. They are absolutely convinced in their own minds that Yeshua is like the Tax Collector, and Prostitutes and Gang Leaders He hangs out with. Yeshua is guilty by association.

- This is exactly how the Pharisees judged him
 - Think about it: The Pharisees were a bigger **opponent** to Yeshua than the sinners He so often met with
 - The Pharisees were **absolutely convinced** in their own minds that they were right, but were the most wrong people on Earth

- When ripping out the false prophets / "tares", you should not just be **100% convinced** when you call out, but you should be **(1) 100% correct** and have **(2) God's authority** to do so
- But even though the Pharisees were so wrong, Yeshua treated them unexpectedly.

The wheat and the tares

Matthew 13:24-30

24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;

25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.

26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.

27 So the **servants** of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, '**Do you want us then to go and gather them up?**'

29 But he said, '**No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.**

30 **Let both grow together until the harvest**, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles **to burn them**, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' ' "

- The tares **are among** the wheat
 - **Indicating there are things/people not of God (tares) in the midst of people who are of God (wheat)**
 - These are people who are therefore **identifying as believers**
- The **tares** and **their works** were **identified** by the owner and servants, **but just didn't receive final judgement yet**
- Therefore, we can and may **identify a tear and judge bad works**, but not pronounce its final judgement, which is God's job.
- **The biggest hindrance of the master:** Servants uprooting **tares with wheat** -> Rather **leave it to the reapers** (angels)
 - **No Authority:** It's simply not their job
 - We fell, we deserve hell, but received grace. We have no place to judge with fire because we deserve it ourselves.
 - Lack of **discernment:** Their eye isn't as trained as angels
 - Not the right **Tool:** They need the reaper scythe
 - **Wrong Timing:** Causes us to rip out **wheat too**
 - Before a Wheat fully ripens to **show its fruit**, it looks like a **tare**
 - = **The time of harvest is only at the end of the age, not before**

- **Conclusion: You cannot always be 100% correct in final judgement, and therefore don't have God's authority to do so**

The tares do not surprise God, and so God uses even the devices of the enemy for His will (Deut 13:3).

Example with Pharisees:

Matthew 15:7-15

12 Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?"

13 But He answered and said, "**Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted (1 identify).**

14 **Let them alone (2).** They are blind leaders of the blind. **And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."**

- **The blind leading the blind:** It isn't those with eyes who are led by the blind, but the **blind**
- Letting others know their works are wrong is good - then "**leaven them alone**"
- Yeshua then says "leave them alone". Don't make your entire ministry primarily about "exposing others" they are the blind leading the blind. The tares are not a problem for God. God will get rid of them at the end of the age, and **He will even use them. For if we rip them out, we rip out the wheat with them.**

Gamliel stands up for disciples:

Act 5:38 So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, **it will fail;**

Act 5:39 **but if it is of God,** you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be **found opposing God!**" So they took his advice.

Yeshua: "Do not forbid him"

[Luk 9:49](#) John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us."

[Luk 9:50](#) But Jesus said to him, "**Do not stop him,** for the one who is not against you is for you."

- People can even be helped on their journey to God by **imperfect ministries**