

Matthew 13: 24-43 **Three Parables of the Kingdom – Tares in the Field, Mustard Seed, & Leaven**

*Kingdom of God vs. Kingdom of Heaven (A clue: Satan dominates the Kingdom of Heaven)*

**Matthew 13:24-26** Jesus presented **another parable** to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares *{lit. darnel}* became evident also.

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

**28** And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?'

**29** But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.

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

**Matthew 31-32** He presented **another parable** to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds, but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches."

**Matthew 13:33** He spoke **another parable** to them, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven *{i.e. yeast}*, which a woman took and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."

**36** Then He left the crowds and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field."

**37** And He said, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man,

**38** and the field is the world;

and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom;

and the tares are the sons of the evil one;

**39** and the enemy who sowed them is the devil,

and the harvest is the end of the age;

and the reapers are angels.

**40-42** "So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks and will throw them into the furnace of fire;

**Luke 17:34** "I tell you, on that night there will be two in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left.

**35** There will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken and the other will be left.

**36** Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left."

**42b** in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**43** "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

**Leviticus 2:11** 'No grain offering, which you bring to the LORD shall be made with leaven

**Matthew 7:13** "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.

**14** "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are **very** few who find it.

**Romans 11:5** There has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God's gracious choice.