

*The* WHEAT AND THE TARES  
MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43  
BARRY BAKER  
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- Read *Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*. What situation might have led Jesus to describe the kingdom of God in the terms of this parable?
- In the story, what action is taken against the one sowing the seed? What would be the impact of this upon him, his household, and his livelihood?
- How do the servants propose to solve the problem? What does the field owner choose to do instead and why? What does this reveal about the sower of the seeds and his priorities?
- In his explanation of the parable (vv. 36-43), what does Jesus say each element of the story represents?
- What is Jesus teaching us about the existence of sin and people who do evil? Why does God allow them in the world?
- How does Jesus' parable offer both a word of caution and a word of hope?
- Where do you locate yourself in this parable? How might we be tempted at times to act like the servants or the harvesters? What can result?
- What is the Lord asking you do in response to this parable? How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this?

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