

The harvest of the end of the age – Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
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Introduction

- What is a parable?
- What is today's parable normally called?
- What happens in the parable...
 - In **v24**?
 - In **v25**?
 - In **v26-28**?
 - In **v29-30**?
- The disciples may not come across as people with the highest IQ in our passage. But what good characteristic do they show here in **v36**?
- What do the following features of the parable represent according to Jesus in **v37-39**?

The man who sowed the seed?

The field?

The good seed (ie the wheat)?

The weeds (ie the darnel)?

The enemy?

The harvest?

The harvesters?

i The darnel

- What does the Bible say will happen at the end of the world?
- In **v40-42**, how are those represented by the darnel described?
- Give a few examples of doing evil.
- How many people have done evil?
- What is pictured by “**the fiery furnace**” here?

- What does “**weeping and gnashing of teeth**” mean?

ii The wheat

- In **v43**, how are those represented by the wheat described?
- If we have all done evil, is anyone righteous?
- Is the Lord Jesus just tantalising us, then?
- What does the Bible say happened when Jesus died on the cross?
- How does someone become a Christian today?
- Have you been made righteous?
- What happens to Christians in the end?
- What does it mean to “**shine like the sun**”?

Conclusion

- When you think about the physical harvest, what should you not forget?