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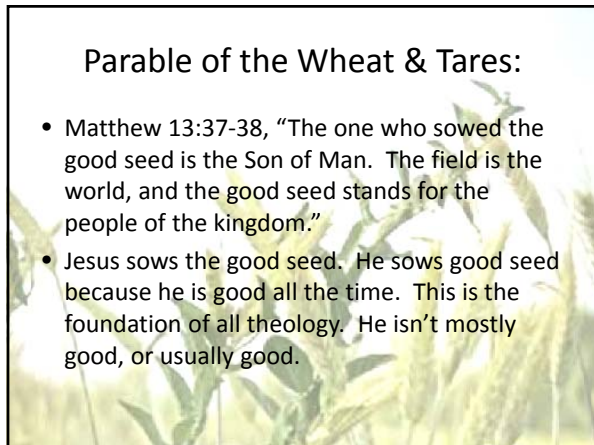
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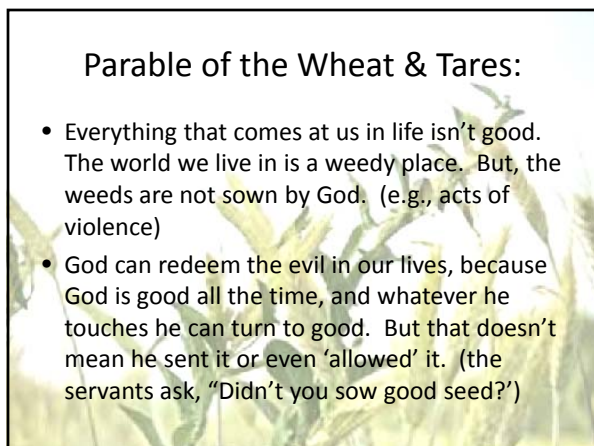
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**Parable of the Wheat & Tares:**

- Jesus tells us that the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. Just like the wheat fulfills the purpose of the farmer, so the people of the kingdom fulfill the purposes of the King. They advance His Kingdom on the planet. (Chronicles of Narnia)



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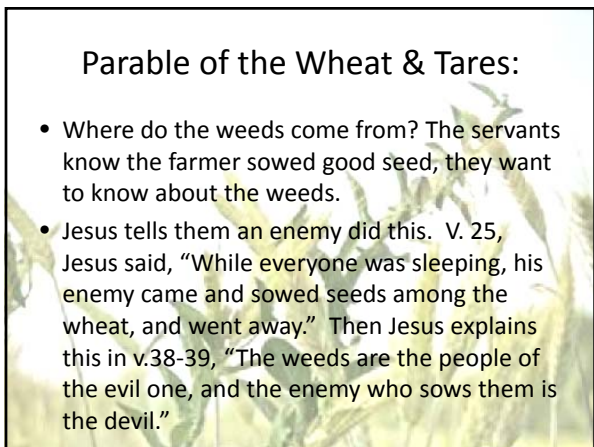
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**Parable of the Wheat & Tares:**

- Where do the weeds come from? The servants know the farmer sowed good seed, they want to know about the weeds.
- Jesus tells them an enemy did this. V. 25, Jesus said, "While everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed seeds among the wheat, and went away." Then Jesus explains this in v.38-39, "The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil."



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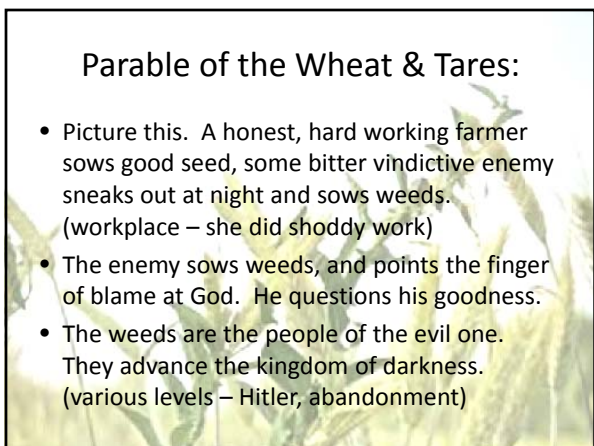
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**Parable of the Wheat & Tares:**

- Picture this. A honest, hard working farmer sows good seed, some bitter vindictive enemy sneaks out at night and sows weeds. (workplace – she did shoddy work)
- The enemy sows weeds, and points the finger of blame at God. He questions his goodness.
- The weeds are the people of the evil one. They advance the kingdom of darkness. (various levels – Hitler, abandonment)



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**Parable of the Wheat & Tares:**

- God wants everyone to be in His family. God sent Jesus to move us from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, from death to life, from rebellion to partnership.
- God wants to partner with us to advance His Kingdom, to help people come to know him, to discover forgiveness, freedom, and fullness.
- The Kingdom business is a messy business. But, one day, Jesus will come and clean up the mess. Harvest time is coming. (Servants, "Should we pull up the weeds?")

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**Parable of the Wheat & Tares:**

- Jesus explains in 13:40f, "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

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**Parable of the Wheat & Tares:**

- Jesus says that the angels will weed out of his Kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. (It is His Kingdom; No sin or effects of sin in the end) (No need to squirm)
- One last question: Why does God wait? Harvest time is coming. Why not now? (Mike's comment)
- A relational partnership
- None should perish (Amusement park)

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