

## Bible/College Class Notes – Studies in Matthew – Lesson 135

### The Saviour Comes and Begins His Work

**This week** – The Lord gives us a Christian view of this world. and its' greatest problem - sin.

Jesus said, “He that soweth the good seed is the Son of Man (Jesus), The field is the world.” *Matthew 13v37,38*

(Choose a regular time each day to read the Bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Matthew 13v24-30,36-43 (The Wheat and the Tares)	
Monday	Matthew 13v1-23 (4 types of ground, 4 types of heart)	
Tuesday	Genesis 1v1-19 (Everything created was good)	
Wednesday	Genesis 1v20-31 (The creation of Adam and Eve)	
Thursday	Genesis 3v1-19 (The compassionate God; The Saviour)	
Friday	John 3v1-21 (The Lord Jesus came to save sinners)	
Saturday	Psalms 24 (The Earth is the Lord's)	

**Important Thought for us Today:** How much time do we have left? (See Matthew 24, especially verses 3-7, 31-51). We do not know when the end of time will come, but it certainly will, for God has warned us to be ready for it. It gets nearer each day that passes by. God has declared that the Lord Jesus will return to gather in those who have repented and believed; that He will judge all who have ever lived. Those He has saved will be seen as righteous and be welcomed into Heaven, but those who have remained in disobedient unbelief will be judged for their sin, and the Lord will say, *'Depart from Me, for I never knew you'*. Matthew 25v41. Longsuffering is an attribute of God's mercy. He is holy and has every right to be angry with our sin and rebellion. He has declared that sin must be punished and yet He is also merciful and slow to anger. He loves us, but not our sin. His wonderful love is shown by His sending His own beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to live as a Man amongst us, yet without sin. Out of love, He took upon Himself God's awesome wrath that we fully deserve. (John 3v16). In mercy. He says to us, *'Behold, now is the Day of Salvation'*, 2 Corinthians 6v2. Come now, while there is time, do not wait. The LORD is able and willing to save and forgive you.

**Hymn 709** - The Lord's return to gather believers into Heaven, and His Final Judgement.

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| 2. All the world is God's own field,<br>Fruit unto His praise to yield;<br>Wheat and tares together sown,<br>Unto joy or sorrow grown; ;<br>First the blade, and then the ear,<br>Then the full corn shall appear:<br>Lord of harvest, grant that we<br>Wholesome grain and pure may be. | 4. Even so, Lord, quickly come!<br>Bring Thy final harvest home!<br>Gather all Thy people in,<br>Free from sorrow, free from sin;<br>There, for ever purified,<br>In Thy presence to abide:<br>Come, with all Thine angels, come,<br>Raise the glorious harvest-home! |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible

### The Parable of The Wheat and the Tares (Weeds).

- In This Parable The Lord gives us His Divine assessment of our planet; the history of the human race - from earliest times, its problems, and its end. One day God will, at His predetermined time, bring the world to an end. He is concerned about how we live before Him. Obediently, or rebelliously.
- The Meaning of The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares. The farmer sows good seed in his field; At night an enemy sows tares (weeds). The farmer says, 'Leave the tares to grow with the wheat, wait until harvest'.

#### 1. The Farmer and The Field.

- The farmer is God the Son, the Lord Jesus. The field is the world. This world belongs to God; He is the Creator of all things, including man. Genesis 1.

*The world does not belong to us; we were created by God to love, obey, and serve Him.*

#### 2. The Enemy – Something has gone badly wrong. We notice selfishness, war, famine, suffering, murder, greed, cheating, pride, lust, lies, and injustices.

- The Lord Jesus says, *"An enemy has done this"*. Matthew 13v28.
- Satan's aim is to sabotage God's work. To sabotage your soul by seeking to keep you in unbelief and rebellion against God; to keep you out of Heaven.
- Satan has invented all sorts of religions and philosophies to lure people away from believing in the one, true God, and the only way of Salvation.

*It was Satan who tempted Adam and Eve to sin in the Garden of Eden. He sows the 'tares' of sin, and we see the result of sin growing, both in our hearts and in the world. He is responsible for all the chaos, sadness, hatred, and war as people kick against God.*

#### 3. The Good Seed – Believers; The Tares – Unbelievers and Their Sin.

- Believers and unbelievers co-exist together, awaiting God's 'harvest time'.

#### 4. God's Plan – To Leave the Tares Until Harvest Time, Then Destroy Them.

- Why? Today is God's Day of Grace; He waits for sinners to repent.

*Do not be alarmed if you see unbelievers flourishing - often weeds dominate a garden.*

#### 5. The Day of Harvest. The Day of Separation. The End of Time.

- The Lord has warned that time will end. The 'Day of Harvest' is coming; God will divide believers into one group, and unbelievers into another.
- All those who have trusted in Christ's death on Calvary for the forgiveness of their sins will be gathered into Heaven, to enjoy God for ever.
- Unbelievers will suffer the eternal wrath of God. As if in a burning fire.

*Do not delay. Come to the Saviour now. Today is The Day of Salvation.*

*Are your sins forgiven? Are you looking forward to God's Harvest-time?*

The Apostle Peter wrote, *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."* 2 Peter 3v8.