



THE PARABLES

A 12-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Week 5 – Judgment and Separation (Sunday, June 7, 2026) *God Will Separate True and False*

Introductory Remarks

The Parables of the Weeds and the Net remind us that final judgment is real and unavoidable. Jesus teaches that good and evil currently exist side by side in the world, and at times it may appear difficult to distinguish between genuine faith and false profession. However, God sees clearly and will one day separate what is true from what is false. These parables challenge the assumption that all spiritual paths lead to God or that outward appearances alone determine righteousness. They also remind us that God’s patience should not be mistaken for indifference. His delay in judgment reflects mercy and a desire for repentance. The reality of judgment calls us to examine our own hearts (especially *The Bema* presented in 2 Corinthians 5:10), live faithfully, and take seriously the invitation to follow Christ.

Lesson Outline

- Weeds (Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43)
- Net (Matthew 13:47–50)
- The Bema (2 Corinthians 5:10)

Key idea: Final judgment is real and unavoidable. It faces Believers and Non-Believers.

Questions

1. Why is the idea of final judgment uncomfortable for many people today?
2. What does the *Parable of the Weeds* teach us about evil existing alongside good in the world?
3. Why do you think God delays judgment instead of dealing with evil immediately?
4. How should the reality of judgment influence the way we live and treat others?
5. What is the danger of assuming outward religion automatically equals genuine faith?
6. If Jesus returned today, what areas of your life would you most want Him to change or refine? How is your answer impacted by what is read in 2 Corinthians 5:10.





Matthew 13:24-30

The Parable of the Weeds

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ²⁸ “‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ ²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”

Matthew 13:36-43

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” ³⁷ He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

Matthew 13:47-50

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

2 Corinthians 5:10

¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

