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"The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away."

Matthew 13:24-25 (NIV)

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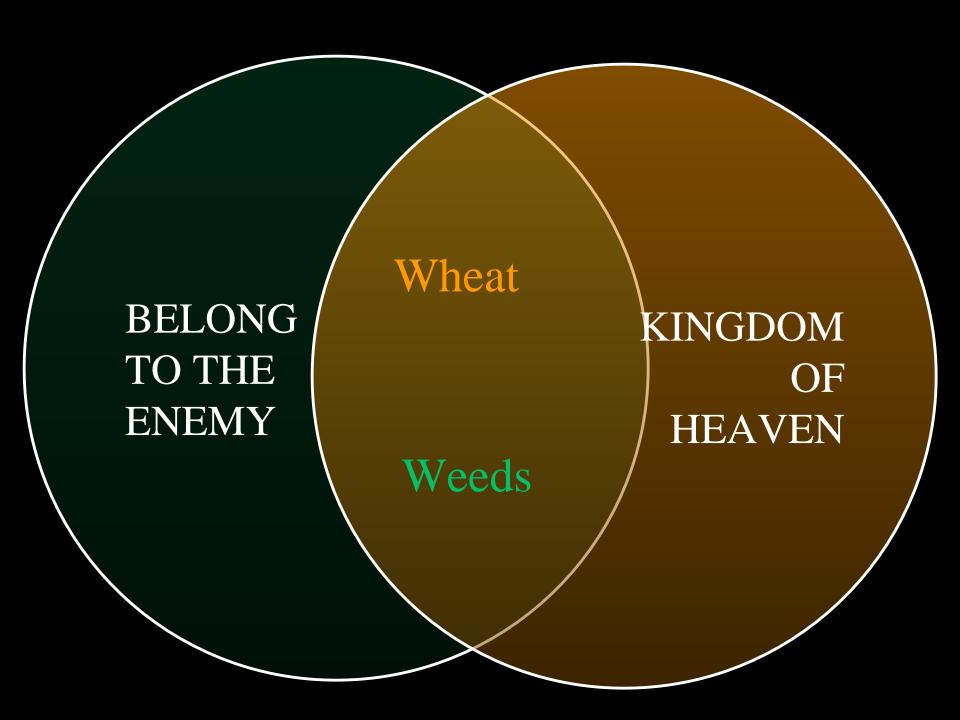
"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. — Daniel 7:13-14

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Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his <u>harvest field</u>.

– Matthew 9:38



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... to keep this command without spot or blame until **the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ**, which God will bring about in his own time ...

- 1 Timothy 6:14-15

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... This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power - 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

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The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness.

He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

- 2 Peter 3:9

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- Matthew 13:42

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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.

Matthew 13:41

Then the <u>righteous will shine like the</u> <u>sun</u> in the kingdom of their Father

- Matthew 13:43

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• Be <u>PATIENT</u> (v. 13:28b-30a)

"People who fight fire with fire usually end up with ashes."

Abigail Van Buren

""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. ."

- Matthew 13:28-30

"Be <u>self-controlled and alert</u>. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

- 1 Peter 5:8

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"Therefore, **keep watch**, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come."

- Matthew 24:42

Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

- 2 Timothy 4:8