

## **THE TARES**

### **MATTHEW 13: 36-43**

#### **I. THE IDENTITY OF THE TARES.**

"The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one," (Matthew 13:38, NIV)

"The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,"

(Matthew 13:41, NKJV)

1. They are outwardly identified with the wheat.
2. They are similar to the wheat.
3. They are drastically different from the wheat.

#### **II. THE SOWER OF THE TARES.**

"The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels." (Matthew 13:39, NKJV)

1. This reveals the determination of the devil.
2. This reveals a method of the devil.

#### **III. THE PURPOSE OF THE TARES.**

"The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,"

(Matthew 13:41, NKJV)

1. They put stumbling blocks in the way of others.
2. They resist submission to the rule of Christ.

#### IV. THE END OF THE TARES.

"Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Matthew 13:40-43, NKJV)

1. Their end will be separation from the sons of the kingdom.
2. Their end will be one of great sorrow and loss.
3. Their end will be one severe punishment.