

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

The Wheat and the Weeds

Matthew 7:1-5; 13:24-30, 36-43

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G/A D F#7/A# F#7/A# Bm Bb/A Em7/G

1. "What e - vil grows a - mong the good, Such wick - ed
 2. But God com - mands, "My ser - vants, wait! You can - not
 3. "So just be pa - tient for a while, Then when they

D/F# G sus G A sus A A sus/G D/F# Bm7

weeds a - mong the grain! Let's pull them up, and do it
 tell the two a - part. Your zeal up - roots My pre - cious
 both are ful - ly grown, I'll bind and burn the wick - ed

G Em7 D/A G/A D

now To keep this world God's pure do - main!"
 wheat. You can - not judge the hu - man heart.
 weeds And right - ly gath - er all My own."

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TOPICS: Judgment Day; Relationships; Tunes, Folk

LEAD-IN: *Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and left. And when the wheat sprouted and produced grain, then the weeds also became evident. And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ And he said to them, ‘An enemy has done this!’ The slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No; while you are gathering up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and at the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather up the weeds and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”*
(Matthew 13:24-30, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

The Wheat and the Weeds

Almighty God, You are pure holiness.

You are pure love.

So why O why do You allow wickedness to go on,
right here among Your dear people?

We want to uproot the wicked –
all of them, right now!

But all-knowing, all-loving, ever-patient Father,
You command us to withhold judgment.
You command us to wait.

*“While you are gathering up the tares,
you may uproot the wheat with them.”* (Matthew 13:29, NASB)

*The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness,
but is patient toward you, not willing for any to perish,
but for all to come to repentance.* (2 Peter 3:9, NASB)

You know that we cannot always tell the difference between
the evil weeds and Your precious wheat.

You order us to be patient,
to let the good and evil grow together for now.

When their fruit is mature,
then You will rightly separate the two.

*All the nations will be gathered before Him; and
He will separate them from one another,
just as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.* (Matthew 25:32, NASB)

We cannot judge.

We cannot know or understand all that
You know and understand.

In Your great and all-wise mercy,
You are withholding judgment for a time.

Your heart is always, always love.

You patiently wait.

Help us to wait with You.