

The Wheat and the Weeds

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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.

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