

Week 18  
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## **Good Seed, Bad Seed**

Matthew 13:24-30

### **The previous parable about seeds**

Matthew 13:1-24

### **The kingdom of heaven is like ...**

A man (owner) =

Good seed =

A field =

An enemy =

Bad seed =

The owner's servants =

The harvesters =

### **Drama in the field**

A creeping enemy

The good seed grows up

The bad seed grows up

### **A dilemma in the field**

What happened?

What do we do?

### **Some clear directions**

Let both good and bad grow up together

Leave judgment, separating and harvesting to others

### **Some huge implications**

1. Good and bad will grow up together until the day of harvest.

Proverbs 24:19-20, John 16:8 & 33, 1 Thessalonians 3:2-4

2. The owner's servants are specifically told not to pull up weeds – judge and separate.  
Matthew 7:1-5, John 5:22, Romans 2:1-4, 14:10-13

### **Some natural reactions**

1. But shouldn't some evils rile us up?  
Deuteronomy 10:18-19, Isaiah 1:17, Amos 5:24,  
Zechariah 7:9, Micah 6:8, Matthew 7:3-5, Luke 17:3,  
2 Corinthians 7:10, Galatians 6:1, James 5:16

### **Other resources:**

*What's So Amazing About Grace*, by Philip Yancey  
*The Grace Awakening*, by Charles Swindoll  
*The Insider*, by Jim Petersen and Mike Shamy