**SPIRITUAL GUERILLA WARFARE**

**TEXT: Matthew 13:24-30**

**24Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. 26When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. 27“The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ 28“‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. “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. 30Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. The passage above is commonly known as the Parable of the Weeds.
2. How many have ever sown any crop in your life?
3. What about done weeding?
4. Planting and harvesting involve much skill and wisdom besides understanding times, seasons, fertilizers, disinfections etc.
5. Jesus is referring the Kingdom of heaven to this agricultural science.
6. We have the farmer, seed, field, enemy, servants, wisdom, harvesters, burning weeds and storing wheat in barn in play.
7. To save us trying to determine what all these means, Jesus Himself gives us the interpretation of the parable – the Master Teacher.
8. The main elements here are the farmer, the enemy, the harvest and harvesters.
9. Explaining title, “Spiritual guerilla warfare.”
10. Let us see what we can learn from this parable.
11. **INTERPRETATION OF THE PARABLE**

**Matthew 13:36-43**

**36Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” 37He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, 39and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. 40“As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 41The 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. 42They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.**

1. Jesus is always available to you both in public and private places – even at home or a home groups. 😉
2. The Son of Man only sows good seed who are the people of the Kingdom.
3. This is what Paul refers to a “royal priesthood, holy nation, people belonging to God that are called out of darkness”.
4. The evil one sows weeds – question: do we have a choice? Look at the Rebellion in heaven or Garden of Eden.
5. The devil is real, angels are real, heaven is real, and hell is real. Downplaying it will not make it diminish.
6. Jesus spoke about these things often, and openly, and so should we, concerning the full gospel, and not a “sugar coated”, user friendly version.
7. We spoke of the sovereignty, and justice of God recently in church.
8. It is true that God is going to shake the heavens, and the earth. Meantime, the bible states that judgement begins in God’s house.
9. Sometimes this purging comes in the form of persecutions, suffering, trials, temptations and even death.
10. I sincerely wonder how “fair weather snowflake Christians” will stand up to the challenge. Not judging – sincerely wondering prayerfully.
11. **LESSONS TO LEARN**
12. Good and evil exists side by side in a fallen world.
13. Continue to be the salt and light as God’s chosen children with a mission where He places you.
14. Instead of being overwhelmed by evil around us, and the spiritual guerilla warfare waged by the enemy, remember that the “battle belongs to the Lord.”
15. Some trust in horses and some in chariots, we and our household must trust and serve the Lord.
16. God is building His church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it.

**CONCLUSION:**

1. Remember to focus on God during times of trouble. That will determine the size of your God and size of your devil.
2. Though the darkness may last for a night, joy comes in the morning.
3. Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Creator of heaven and earth.
4. We are not to deny challenges, instead, remember the end result.
5. With the strength and armour of God, you will stand.
6. Though the enemy comes in, like a flood the Lord will raise a banner against him.
7. Let us pray.