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Matthew 13:24-30; 7:15-16

Title: The Parable of Neglect

**Introduction:** A church cleaning lady noticed a few bees buzzing around the pulpit of their church. She reported the problem to the chair of the Property Management team but the chairman told her that if you don't mess with the bees, they won't mess with you.



"The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your farm? Where then did the weeds come from?' And he replied "'An enemy did this,' "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' And he Answered, "No" 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let 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.' (Matthew 13:27-30 NIV).



This parable is one of the "Kingdom parables" where Jesus describes how church people look like here on earth.

**Interpretation:** Jesus explains, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil.” (Matthew 13:37-39 NIV).

**Reflection:** What should we do then?

“Let 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.” Verse 30

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits.” (Matthew 7:15-16).

**Conclusion:** God is calling us today just to ignore the weeds among us and move on being the wheat.