



Jesus' Parable of the Weed Among the Good Plants

I will explain things hidden since the creation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds outside, Jesus went into the house. His disciples said, "Please explain to us the story of the weeds in the field."

Jesus replied, "The Son of Man^[b] is the farmer who plants the good seed.

Luke 12:35-40 - ³⁵"Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. ³⁹But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, because

the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

There are several points that be taken from this parable:

We should always try to keep Christ top of mind. In the parable we are told to be watchful. Not in the sense of looking for the signs of the end times (for not even Jesus knew when this was), but in keeping Christ in our minds. We should not fall asleep, and get lost in the world. This is a direction to remain faithful.

By keeping Jesus top-of-mind, it is much easier for us to be hopeful and optimistic in the challenges of daily life. More importantly, when the spirit of Christ is within us, it is much easier to love our neighbor.

While we should attempt to be constantly faithful and to love for Christ's sake, Jesus points out that there are consequences for us.

There are many things that distract us (e.g. put us to sleep). Being watchful requires us to have the discipline to be vigilant with Thought. We have to constantly Choose Christ no matter how many times we get off track.