

THE PARABOLIC TEACHING ABOUT CHRIST'S KINGDOM

Lesson 5: Growing Together Until the Harvest: The Tares in the Wheat and the Net

15-Point Chronological Discussion Outline & Worksheet • Dr. Dallas Willard Lecture Series (1983)

1. The Intersection of Church and World

[Audio ~00:00 – 03:45]

Scripture Focus: Matthew 13:24–30; Mark 4:26

Dallas Willard Insight: In the present age, the Kingdom and the world intersect; God permits weeds and wheat to grow side by side.

Discussion Question: Why does God permit evil and hypocrisy to coexist alongside good in the world and church today?

My Notes & Answer:

2. The Nature and Deception of Tares

[Audio ~03:45 – 07:15]

Scripture Focus: Matthew 13:25–27; 2 Cor. 11:14–15

Dallas Willard Insight: Tares look identical to wheat during early growth, symbolizing how superficial religious appearances mask an untransformed heart.

Discussion Question: How does the resemblance between young tares and wheat warn us against judging people by outward appearances?

My Notes & Answer:

3. Being 'In' vs. Being 'Of' the Kingdom

[Audio ~07:15 – 10:30]

Scripture Focus: Matthew 13:38–40; John 17:14–16

Dallas Willard Insight: Many people are structurally present in religious institutions without being born of God or transformed in their nature.

Discussion Question: What is the crucial difference between participating in religious activities and being truly born of God?

My Notes & Answer:

4. An Enemy Has Done This

[\[Audio ~10:30 – 14:00\]](#)

Scripture Focus: Matthew 13:28; 1 Peter 5:8

Dallas Willard Insight: Evil and spiritual deception are not accidental; they are actively sown by the adversary to destroy God's work.

Discussion Question: How does recognizing Satan as the active sower of deception protect believers from blaming God for evil?

My Notes & Answer:

5. Why God Delays the Harvest

[\[Audio ~14:00 – 17:30\]](#)

Scripture Focus: Matthew 13:28–29; 2 Peter 3:9

Dallas Willard Insight: Attempting to uproot hypocrites prematurely damages fragile wheat; God's divine patience allows time for true fruit to mature.

Discussion Question: Why is human zeal to weed out hypocrites dangerous, and why must judgment belong solely to God?

My Notes & Answer:

6. The Mechanism of the Spiritual Graft

[\[Audio ~17:30 – 21:00\]](#)

Scripture Focus: James 1:21; 1 Peter 1:23

Dallas Willard Insight: Divine life grafts onto our natural human personality, redeeming our raw energy and abilities to bring forth Kingdom fruit.

Discussion Question: How does the spiritual graft transform our natural human desires into fruitfulness for the Kingdom of God?

My Notes & Answer:

7. The Parable of the Dragnet

[Audio ~21:00 – 24:30]

Scripture Focus: Matthew 13:47–50; Luke 5:10

Dallas Willard Insight: The Gospel net gathers people of every kind; final separation occurs only when the net is drawn ashore.

Discussion Question: What does the dragnet teach us about the broad reach of the Gospel and final divine evaluation?

My Notes & Answer:

8. Angelic Ministry in Final Separation

[Audio ~24:30 – 28:00]

Scripture Focus: Matthew 13:41–43; Jude 1:14–15

Dallas Willard Insight: Angels execute final judgment, removing all causes of sin and lawlessness so the righteous can shine unhindered.

Discussion Question: How does knowing God will ultimately remove all lawlessness give us peace amid present earthly injustice?

My Notes & Answer:

9. The Scribe Trained for the Kingdom

[Audio ~28:00 – 31:30]

Scripture Focus: Matthew 13:51–52; Ezra 7:10

Dallas Willard Insight: Disciples instructed in Kingdom truth bring forth rich treasures, combining ancient scriptural wisdom with present spiritual life.

Discussion Question: How does a Kingdom disciple integrate ancient biblical truth with fresh, present experiences of God's grace?

My Notes & Answer:

10. The Danger of Superficial Association

[Audio ~31:30 – 35:00]

Scripture Focus: Matthew 7:21–23; Luke 13:25–27

Dallas Willard Insight: Relying on church membership or religious activities without a personal relationship with Christ leads to tragic final rejection.

Discussion Question: Why is performing impressive religious works useless if we lack an intimate, personal relationship with Jesus?

My Notes & Answer:

11. Patience with Struggling Believers

[Audio ~35:00 – 38:30]

Scripture Focus: Galatians 6:1–2; Romans 14:1

Dallas Willard Insight: Disciples show gentle patience toward weak believers rather than acting as harsh, self-appointed judges in the church.

Discussion Question: How can we cultivate patience toward struggling Christians instead of falling into harsh, critical judgment?

My Notes & Answer:

12. Transformation of Inner Character

[Audio ~38:30 – 42:00]

Scripture Focus: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ezekiel 36:26

Dallas Willard Insight: Genuine faith is not outward social compliance, but an internal heart transformation produced by the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Question: What evidence demonstrates that our faith has become an inner heart reality rather than mere moralism?

My Notes & Answer:

13. Freedom from Panic and Cynicism

[Audio ~42:00 – 45:15]

Scripture Focus: Psalm 37:1–8; Habakkuk 2:3

Dallas Willard Insight: Trusting God's ultimate harvest frees disciples from anxiety, panic, and cynicism when observing evil in society.

Discussion Question: How does confidence in God's final harvest protect our hearts from becoming cynical or panicked today?

My Notes & Answer:

14. The Certainty of Divine Justice

[Audio ~45:15 – 47:30]

Scripture Focus: Galatians 6:7–9; Revelation 22:12

Dallas Willard Insight: God's harvest is absolute and inevitable; faithful sowers will reap eternal rewards if they do not grow weary.

Discussion Question: Why can we remain steadfast in doing good, knowing that God's justice and harvest are completely guaranteed?

My Notes & Answer:

15. Shining Like the Sun in the Father's Kingdom

[Audio ~47:30 – 50:00]

Scripture Focus: Matthew 13:43; Daniel 12:3

Dallas Willard Insight: The ultimate destiny of Kingdom children is to reflect the radiant glory and character of God forever.

Discussion Question: What does it mean for true children of God to shine like the sun in the Father's Kingdom?

My Notes & Answer: