

# Serve the Lord with Gladness III

“Servants in a Mixed-up World”

Commingling was never God’s idea.

However, commingling has existed from *Genesis 3* to *Revelation 20*, the final judgment.

Be very aware of commingling in this year.

To commingle means to blend thoroughly into a harmonious whole.

Consider *Matthew 13:24-30* and *Matthew 13:36-43*

I

Parables are natural stories with spiritual lessons embedded within.

Parables are designed to be heard, probed, examined, and understood.

The truth in parables can be explicit or implicit.

*KJV Matthew 13:24* Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The **kingdom of heaven** is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: <sup>25</sup> But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. <sup>26</sup> But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. <sup>27</sup> **So the servants of the householder** came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good

seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? <sup>28</sup> -- He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. **The servants** said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? <sup>29</sup> But he said, **Nay**; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. <sup>30</sup> **Let both grow together** until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say gather ye together first the **tares**, and bind them in **bundles** to **burn** them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

The narrative is a **common** story.

Enemies always try to sabotage the authority, productivity, and a **dvancement** of the current leader.

Sabotage is the **willful** undermining of God-given authority.

Sabotage is **rooted** in rebellion.

The goal of sabotage is to conspire to see the failure of the current leader.

Rebellion must be **confronted**, dealt with, and dismissed.

## II

Jesus, the master teacher, **explained** some parables.

Jesus left parables for the Holy Ghost to teach us.

***KJV Matthew 13:36*** Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of

the field. <sup>37</sup> He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the **Son of man**; <sup>38</sup> The field is the **world**; the good seed are the **children of the kingdom**; but the tares are the **children of the wicked one**; <sup>39</sup> The enemy that sowed them is the **devil**; the harvest is **the end of the world**; and the reapers are the **angels**. <sup>40</sup> As therefore the tares are **gathered and burned in the fire**; so shall it be in **the end of this world**. <sup>41</sup> The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather **out of his kingdom** all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; <sup>42</sup> And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then shall **the righteous shine forth** as the sun in **the kingdom of their Father**. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

The children of the kingdom are in the world with the children of the wicked one.

The wicked one is the devil.

Jesus said, "Let them grow together until harvest".

Don't remove the wicked or the righteous.

We must learn to advance in the presence of our enemy.

The good news is He prepares a table before us in the presence of our enemies.

### III

The seed determines the root.

The root determines the fruit.

Beware of the seed sown in your life.

*KJV* **Matthew 7:15** Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. <sup>16</sup> Ye shall know them by their **fruits**. Do men gather **grapes** of thorns, or **figs** of thistles? <sup>17</sup> Even so every good tree bringeth forth **good fruit**; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth **evil fruit**. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bring forth **evil fruit**, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth **good fruit**. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that bringeth not forth **good fruit** is hewn down, and cast into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Wherefore by their **fruits** ye shall know them.

Produce is the offspring from the seed.

The fruit protects the seed.

The fruit identifies what kind of tree, plant or produce, has been produced from the seed.

The future of the plant is tied up in the seed.

As servants in a mixed-up world, we are sown into a world of the wicked and the righteous.

As servants we are sown into a world of children of the devil and children of the kingdom.

As servants, we are sown into a world of the children of the wicked one and children of the righteous one.

Maintain your integrity!

Maintain your character!

“Watch what I do next!”

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