

parable ends, but the detail which is at the beginning of the parable. We find it in Mat. 13 starting with v. 24. We read there, "Jesus told them another parable. The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads then the weeds also appeared." The KJV calls them "tares" and I think the word "tares" though we rarely use it in our daily life conveys more of the idea here, of the importance of this. The tares appeared. The owner of the servants came to him and said, Sir didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the tares come from? He replied, An enemy did this."

Is an enemy going to sow tares in your field? And interfere with the harvest that should be produced? Four months from now and the other harvest in the years ahead? An enemy sowed it. Do you have an enemy? who would sow tares? The Bible says that everyone of us has a terrible enemy.

I spoke over a TV program with three other people selected from various groups of people in this area a few years ago. There was a Jewish Rabbi, one of the group, and they said something about the devil, and he said, Of course I don't believe in the devil! Of course we don't believe in it, he said. There is nothing that pleases the devil better than to have us think we don't believe in him. The devil is very real. The Scripture teaches that he runs about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Eph. 6:16 speaks of how we need protection against the fiery darts of the evil one. He is a terrible enemy to all Christians and it is important that we prepare to meet him. That we be prepared for those terrible occasions which may come when he develops within us the most terrible temptations.

Oh, I heard just recently of a man who was a minister in a great church. Thousands of people coming. Tremendous impressions all through the community. Then the devil led the man into gross sin and he had to resign from the church and the people scattered in many directions. And people say, There is nothing to this Christianity when a man goes ~~x~~ like that! It can happen to anyone of us. The devil goes about as a roaring lion to lead us astray, to destroy us. We must look to God to teach us constantly to be saved from his fiery darts.

But I don't think the fiery darts are near as dangerous as what the second((sixth)) chapter in Ephesians speaks of when it says "his schemes or wiles." Paul said in 2 Cor. 11 that Satan ~~masks=to=~~ masquerades as an angel of light so that ~~every~~ the elect can be deceived. We have an enemy and if there is anybody he hates and wishes to mislead ~~is~~ it is those who expect to give their lives in spreading the Word of God. Oh how we need to watch for his fiery darts, for his attacks. How much more we need to watch for his clever schemes when he comes like an angel of light and will so easily mislead us. How many a man facing a difficult task, facing much to do and