

The Parable of the Weeds

Our Lord interprets the parable of the Weeds for His disciples by telling them that He is the One Who is “sowing” seeds of His love and wisdom in the world. And that seed is falling on all kinds of “ground.” The “good seed” is the ones who hear the invitation of the Lord and embrace it and the “weeds” are ones who choose rather their own way, their own wisdom, and those grow right along with the “good seeds.” But there will come a day when the “harvest comes and there will be a clear distinction of destiny for the “seeds” who have become useful wheat and those weeds that end up being discarded!

First, we should notice that we should never be surprised that “weeds” are often in the same place as the healthy plants. There is no mistaking this powerful wisdom. But, we miss the power of this wisdom if we think it’s just talking about evil people. No, the weeds and the good seed is all growing in my own heart! Recognizing this truth protects me from arrogantly judging others before I take seriously the sins of my own life!

Next, the Lord makes clear that this state of affairs will not last forever! There will be a Day when the harvest comes and the clearing of the weeds will be done by the Lord’s angels. This apocalyptic language is used by the Lord to wake us up to pay attention NOW to the state of our own hearts and allow the Spirit to use the disciplines of the Faith to “weed out” the areas of our lives that are choking out the wisdom of the faith because of the weeds of self-centeredness and pride!

Finally, the clear and unmistakable difference between the destiny of the “weeds” and the righteous can’t be more clear. Both are going to be consigned to their proper place; one the fire of the furnace and the other will “shine like the sun.”

Today, where are the “weeds” in your own life? Are you wakefully tending the “garden” of your life by embracing with joy the wise pathway of the Faith? Such treasures are lying at your feet, just waiting for you to exercise your will in choosing to embrace this “way of life” rather than allowing the clock to tick away toward a moment when others will come and remove the weeds of your life. When that harvest comes, when we stand before the “awesome judgement seat of Christ”, will we have been wise enough to have hearing ears and loving hearts?

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