

The Weeds and the Wheat



Jesus often challenged His followers to action offering snapshots of everyday life in Galilee. Once He told them about a farmer who sowed fine wheat and hoped for a good harvest.



Weeks later, his servants noticed weeds growing among the wheat. But the farmer advised them to let both grow together. During harvest, he ordered them to pluck the wheat and destroy the weeds.

Through the parable, Jesus wants to tell His listeners that just as the weeds begin to sprout among the fine wheat so do the bad elements break into an assembly of good people who fear God.

However, just like the farmer knows that the weed's roots are so intertwined with the wheat that pulling them out could damage his good crop, God too is aware of the right time to deal with the bad elements among His people.

What Jesus wants us to learn is the need to trust in God's timing to do away with evil, like the servants of the farmer who needed to respect their Master's decision and wait for him to act.

God the Creator looks at the 'field' of every person's life with patience and mercy. He sees the dirt and the evil much better than we do. He also sees the seeds of good and looks forward with confidence for people to improve.

Insight



Valerian Gracias was the first Indian cardinal. His parents were from Goa and he was born in 1900 in Karachi, Pakistan. He was appointed Mumbai's first Indian archbishop in 1950 and became the first Indian Cardinal in 1953. Cardinal Valerian Gracias established several institutions in Mumbai Archdiocese. He hosted the apostolic visit of Pope Paul VI to India in 1964. President Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan honoured Cardinal Gracias with the Padma Vibhushan.



Word of God

Matthew 13: 28 – 30

'It was some enemy who did this,' he answered. 'Do you want us to go and pull up the weeds?' they asked him. 'No,' he answered, 'because as you gather the weeds you might pull up some of the wheat along with them. Let the wheat and the weeds both grow together until harvest. Then I will tell the harvest workers to pull up the weeds first, tie them in bundles and burn them, and then to gather in the wheat and put it in my barn.'"

Notes

Know Now

Another name for the parable of the Wheat and Weeds is the parable of the Tares. Saint Augustine of Hippo has a beautiful comment on the parable: "O you Christians, whose lives are good, you sigh and groan as being few among many, few among very many... I tell you of a truth, my Beloved, even in these high seats there is both wheat, and tares, and among the laity there is wheat, and tares. Let the good tolerate the bad; let the bad change themselves, and imitate the good."

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