

Daily Devotion For April 17, 2023

²⁹ “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’”
Matthew 13:29-30

Yesterday I was talking to my next door neighbor who has entered her home in a home and garden tour. She said that people sign up for the tour and for ever person that purchases a ticket to view her front yard, she gets \$25 dollars. As we were talking I asked if people wanted to come to pay \$25 to look at the weeds in my front yard. Pulling weeds is one of my least favorite activities. You can tell by looking at my yard! With all the rains that we have had this winter the weeds have overtaken the yard.

There are some critical differences between the weeds in my garden and the weeds in Jesus’ parable. The weeds in the parable were deliberately sown by the farmer’s enemy, Satan. Those weeds would have looked like wheat plants at first and they were growing together. In weeding, you would have destroyed the good wheat with the bad weeds. And so in the parable, not weeding would have made good sense.

The meaning of the parable is that our enemy, Satan, is active in sowing weeds among the good seeds in God’s garden. We may wonder why God does not weed out the evil and wicked in our world today. But, we can be thankful that God is most intent on preserving his people until the day of harvest.

Thought For Today: The enemy actively sows weeds among the good seeds in God’s Garden. Do you recognize the weeds growing around you?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Pray that the Lord would protect you from the weeds growing around you so they don’t choke off your spiritual growth.
Deo Volente.