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● Intro Music - “My Father Is So Good To Me”

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is: **Watch Out For The Wolves**

In the **13th Chapter of Matthew**, Jesus speaks a parable, (***which is a story providing an instructive example or lesson***). After speaking to the crowds, the disciples asked Jesus to explain the parables He told them.

The first story of the 13th Chapter of Matthew starts at **verse 3 & 4**, and concerns a sower, (***who is Jesus***), speaking the words of God (***which are the seeds***) that fall on a section of land (***which is the Earth***).

“. . . and as he sowed, some seeds fell beside the road, and the birds came and ate them up.”

Jesus explains this statement at **verse 19/** – *When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.*

The parable continues at **verse 5 thru 6.**

And others (seeds) fell upon the rocky places, where they did not have much soil; and immediately they sprang up because they had no depth of soil. But when the sun had risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away.

*And Jesus explains this statement at **verse 20 thru 21,** “. . . this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.”*

The parable continues at **verse 7.**

“And others (seeds) fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them out.”

*Jesus explains at **verse 22,** “. . . this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word and it becomes unfruitful.”*

The parable continues at **verse 8.**

“And others fell on the good soil, and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”

*Jesus explains at **verse 23**, “this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit, and brings forth, a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”*

*Jesus told a second story starting at **verse 24 thru 26** - saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed (“tares”) or weeds among the wheat, and went away. But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the weeds appeared. . .”*

*Jesus explains verses 24 thru 25 at **verses 37, 38, & 39.**)*

Verse 37/

. . . The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man (Jesus), and

Verse 38/

The field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom. (or all who believe in Jesus.)

The “tares” (the weeds) are the sons of the “evil one”.

Verse 39/

The enemy who sowed the weeds was the devil.

*The parable continues at **verse 27 thru verse 30.***

“So the servants of the land owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’

He said to them, 'An enemy has done this'. The servants said to him, 'do you want us then to go and gather them up?'

"But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest, I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn"'"

Jesus continued to explain to the disciples at **verse 39 thru 43 that, ". . . and the harvest is the end of the age and the reapers are the angels. Therefore, just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.**

The Son of Man will send forth His angels and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks and those who commit lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

Then Jesus told a third story starting at **verse 31 thru 32** saying, **"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds; but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants, and becomes a tree, so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR come and NEST IN IT'S BRANCHES."**

Jesus did not explain the meaning of the mustard seed but a theme was being presented about the eleven disciples and the

church they were going to start which would evolve into one of the largest and popular world-wide religions!

Notice what Jesus said about this popular world-wide religion!

That the ***THE BIRDS OF THE AIR will come and NEST IN IT'S BRANCHES.*** Remember from the first parable that the birds represented the **"evil one"** that came and snatched away the **"word of God"** that was sown in the heart of man.

Then Jesus told a forth parable at **verse 33** saying, **"The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took, and hid in three pecks (measures) of meal, until it was all leavened"**

Jesus did not explain this parable but this woman put a small amount of leaven, which is a substance used to make dough rise, especially yeast or another fermenting agent into the three measures of dough.

In the bible, leaven or yeast is compared to sin. Jesus tells his disciples, **". . . beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."** (**Matthew 16: verse 11**)

Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. (**Matthew: verse 12**)

In the book of **Luke, Chapter 12: verse 1**, Jesus refers to the **"the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."**

So if we look at these four parables closely, we see that Jesus is trying to warn us, what to watch out for, in the church. Jesus' victory over death at the cross made Satan use another tactic to try to defeat Christians in the church. The old saying, ***If you can't beat them, join them! Watch out for the 'weeds among the wheat' and 'the wolves in sheep's clothing'.***

Because Jesus had no sin, He exposed all the wrong that was being done by the religious leaders and they hated him for it. Not only did the religious leaders hate him but he was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, one of His own disciples. Jesus even told his disciples, ***". . . If you find that the world hates you, know it has hated me first."*** (John, Chapter 15: verse 18)

Also Jesus warned us at **John 16: verses 2-3**, saying, ***"They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God. And these things they will do, because they have not known the Father or Me."***

Remember that Peter and Paul had to fight against the Christian Jews who insisted that the gentiles must be circumcised in order to be Christians.

And in the **book of Revelation**, Jesus took six of the seven churches to task starting at **Chapter 2** and only the church of Philadelphia was acceptable to Him at that time.

Here is my point!

In **2nd Corinthians, Chapter 6: verse 2**, **GOD says**, ***"AT THE ACCEPTABLE TIME I LISTENED TO YOU, AND ON THE DAY***

OF SALVATION I HELPED YOU”; behold, now is **“THE ACCEPTABLE TIME”** behold, now is **“THE DAY OF SALVATION”**

Do you think it will be easier for you to put your faith in Jesus after the rapture? There will be churches standing after the rapture filled with those who were not raptured. What will be left in those places? ***The weeds and the wolves in sheep’s clothing?***

Do you think they will encourage you to believe that God, the Father sent his son Jesus to die on a cross to take your sins? Will the blind be attempting to lead the blind?

You - will be the only one who will make the decision to take the ***“Mark Of The Beast”***.

We have already seen what governments will do to make us take the unproved vaccinations. If you don’t agree to do this, you can lose your job! You can lose a license for your occupation! You may not be able to receive medical help or surgery. Your children might not be able to attend public school or privates colleges. All sorts of punishment can be applied!

What will happen to you if you refuse to take the ***“Mark Of The Beast?”***

From the **book of Revelation, Chapter 13: verses 15 thru 17**, it states, ***“And there was given to him to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast might even speak and cause as many as do not worship the image of the beast to be killed. And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead, and he provides that no***

one should be able to buy or to sell except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.

In **verses 9 thru 11 of Chapter 14**, it says, ***“ . . . If anyone worships the beast and his image and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand, he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.”***

And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.

We live in a world where we are seeing real evidence that the tribulation is on our doorstep. Who in this world would want to go through the tribulation to realize what a wonderful thing that Jesus did for us at the cross.

I urge you to accept the offer that God has given you. Invite Jesus into your life and ask Him to help you make a commitment to turn away from things and people that will introduce the yeast of sin into your life that will stop you from entering God's kingdom of heaven.

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists

and has created all things and has given **His Son Jesus, the good shepherd** to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these **Bible Seeds**: my commentary on some of these readings.

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Ending The Program

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