

Matthew 13:1-43

# The Wheat and the Weeds







**“You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. <sup>12</sup> To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.**

A wide-angle photograph of a vast field of golden wheat, likely during harvest time. The wheat is in sharp focus in the foreground, with a line of trees and a bright sky in the background. The overall tone is warm and golden.

**Matthew 13:11-17**

**1<sup>3</sup> That is why I use these parables, for they look, but they don't really see. They hear, but they don't really listen or understand. 1<sup>4</sup> This fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah that says, *'When you hear what I say, you will not understand. When you see what I do, you will not comprehend.***

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**15 For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.'**

A wide-angle photograph of a vast field of golden wheat, likely during harvest time. The wheat is in the foreground and middle ground, stretching towards a line of trees in the distance. The sky is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day. The overall tone is warm and golden.

**Matthew 13:11-17**

**<sup>16</sup> “But blessed are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. <sup>17</sup> I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but they didn’t see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn’t hear it.**

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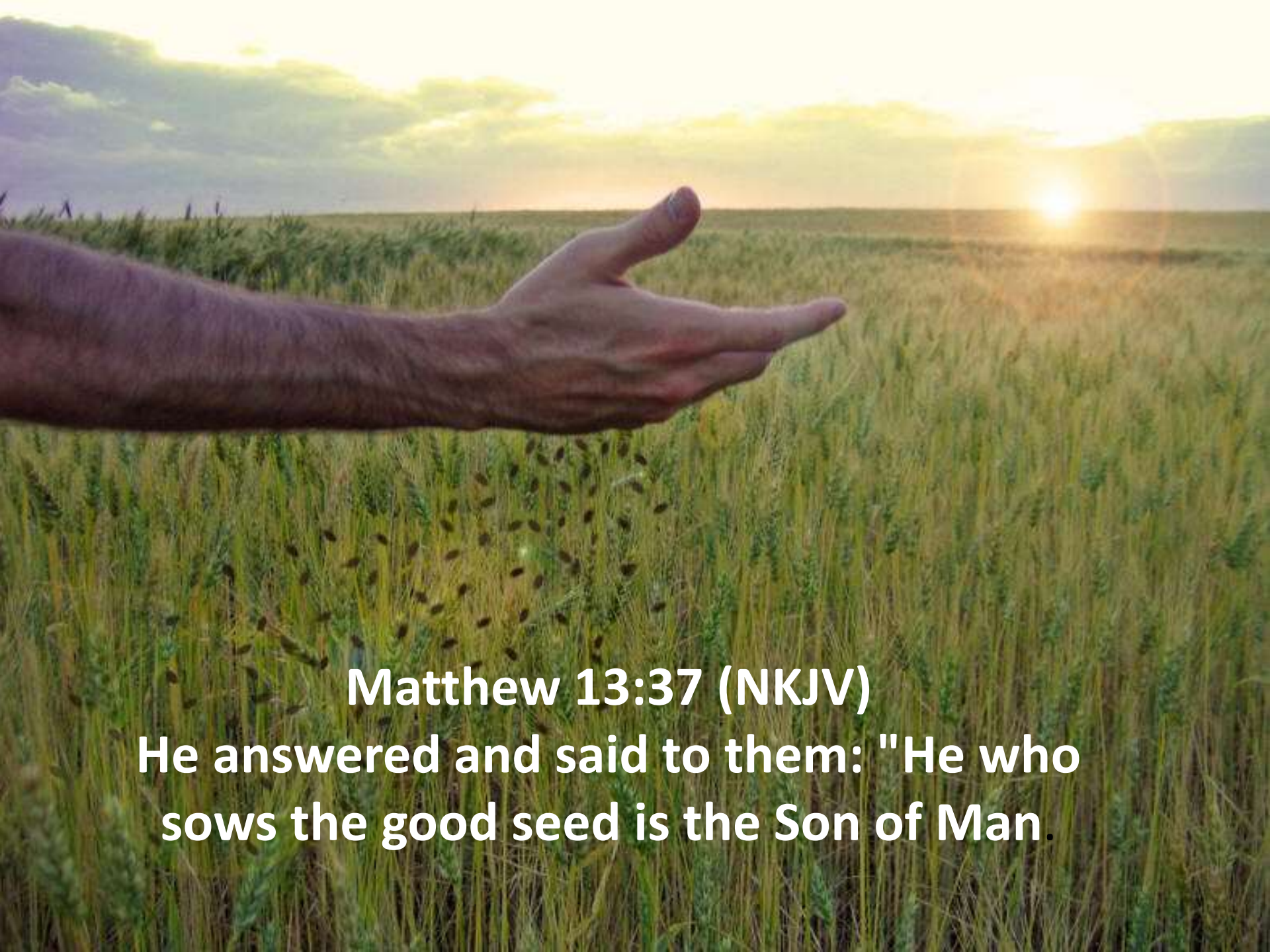
**Good and Evil are at work in the world**







**The Parable of the Sower**



**Matthew 13:37 (NKJV)**

**He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man."**



## Matthew 13:38-39

<sup>38</sup> The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*.

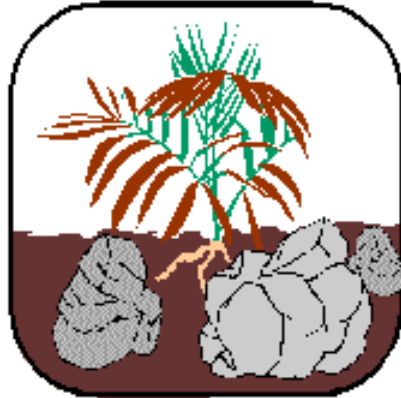
<sup>39</sup> The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

# The Parable of the Sower

## FOUR TYPES OF SOIL



The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

**The wayside,  
The hard ground,**

**the stony places,  
the rocky ground,**

**the thorny soil,  
the thorny ground,**

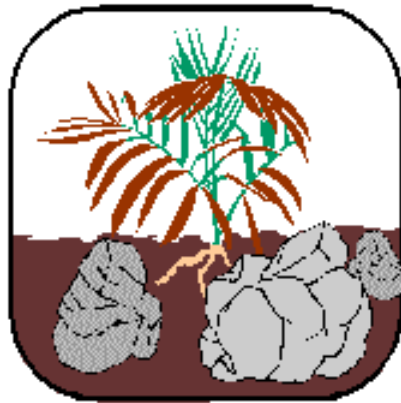
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# What type of Soil are You?

**15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits.**

**Do men gather grapes from thornbushes  
or figs from thistles?**

**Matthew 7:15-20**

**17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.**

**Matthew 7:15-20**

**“A man’s reception of God’s Word is determined by the condition of his heart.”**



God blesses those whose  
HEARTS ARE PURE,  
FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD.

-Matthew 5:8





Team

# WHEATIES



All Wheat



Team

# WEEDIES



All Weeds



## **Matthew 12:30**

**He that is not with me is against me;  
and he that gathereth not with me  
scattereth abroad.**

HOW DO YOU

**know???**

A wooden barrel, likely made of oak, stands in a field of tall green grass and various leafy plants. The barrel is bound with several dark brown metal hoops. The background is a soft-focus field of green foliage, creating a natural and serene atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

The Spirit himself  
testifies with our  
spirit  
that we are  
God's children

Romans 8:16

1. Those on Team Wheaties understand the Word,  
the Seed of God (v. 19).

The

Evidence



FOR

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2. The Word of God is assimilated into their heart.
3. They bear fruit (v. 23).

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FOR

1. They endure for a little while (v. 21)

The  
Evidence



AGAINST



1. They endure for a little while (v. 21)
2. Get caught up in the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches (v. 22)

The

Evidence



AGAINST

SOMETHING TO DO!

For God is  
working in you,  
giving you  
the desire and the  
power to do what  
pleases Him.

PHILIPPIANS 2:13

# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

**Bear Fruit**

love,  
joy,  
peace,  
patience,  
kindness,  
goodness,  
faithfulness,  
gentleness,  
and self-control



Galatians 5:22-23



*I want to produce*

And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity.

2 Corinthians 9: 10

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**40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.**

**41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness,**

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**42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire.**

**There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

**43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!**

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Whose Team  
are you on?

All Wheat



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# WEEDIES

It's your call!

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