

Stories with Intent
Am I Missing the Certainty of God's Plan?
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The Question: How should I understand the Kingdom of Heaven being present, if evil still persists in this world?

I. The Parable Proper (24-30)

~ The kingdom of heaven may be compared to...

II. The Parable Explained (36-43)

A. The request for explanation

B. The interpretive keys

1. one who sows good seed = Son of Man
2. the field = the world
3. good seed = sons of the kingdom
4. weeds = sons of the evil one
5. enemy = the devil
6. the harvest = the end of the age
7. the certain end = judgment/kingdom consummated

Point to Ponder: In what ways might we be tempted to allow our present circumstances shake our confidence in the kingdom to which we belong? How can we better work to allow the certainty of our sure and glorious future shape how we react to our present?

Next Week:

Next Sunday morning we will continue our sermon series entitled *Stories with Intent* by considering **Matthew 13:44-46** *Am I Missing the Value of Jesus?*

