

WEEDS

¹ *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

¹⁴ *The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”*

Exodus 14:14

²⁴ *Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ²⁸ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ 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 13:24-30

- I. A TARE (Zizanion) is the rye grass, bearded Darnel weed. It wraps itself around the roots of the wheat. When mixed with wheat flour, it causes dizziness and paralysis. It produces all the symptoms of drunkenness: trembling, inability to walk,

hindered speech, and vomiting. It starts out at the root level initially looking exactly like wheat, but ends a bitter, choking, inedible weed.

II. A season of complex enmeshments

- A. A family's enemies would seek to dishonor them by sowing counterfeit seed in their well-sown fields.
- B. Counterfeit seed is derivative of true seed, and will never prevail.
- C. God answers with seed. Everything great comes in seed form.

III. Sleep and weeds

- * When we are vulnerable, helpless, unguarded, and most easily victimized, the counterfeiter sows his seeds.

IV. Twin realities

- A. All Satan's weeds reveal themselves at the most inopportune times. Only fruitful seeds are attacked.
- B. Only at the point of fruitfulness and harvest does the Darnel reveal its true nature.
- C. When these twin realities set in, our first instinct is to manage, attack, and take control.

V. God's strange strategy / Leave it alone!

- A. If we put our hand on these situations, God will remove his hand from the situation.
- B. We must fight our fleshly instinct to do, fix, perform, and intervene.
- C. The next season is a season of watching and waiting.

VI. Wheat and sleep

- A. Contrary to human instinct, God actually puts us to sleep in order to fulfill our deepest dreams.
- B. Sleep represents absolute faith, in a posture of rest, allowing God to do all the heavy lifting.
- C. Only God and the process will address this odd harvest.
- D. God's servants are called His laborers, not His harvesters.
- E. Only God can separate the wheat from the weeds.

