

**Wheat**



**Weed (Darnel)**



*The Lie Seed, Matthew 13:24-30*

## The Lie Seed

- What comes to your mind when you hear, “Bearded Darnel”?
  - Maybe some character on Duck Dynasty
  - Maybe an old-time wrestler like Ric Flair or Hulk Hogan or Randy Savage
  - Maybe the new bass player in ZZ Top
  - Maybe even some animal like the bearded dragon or the name of a fantasy character

## The Lie Seed

- Biblical scholars believe this was the name for “tares” or “weeds” found in our Scripture this morning
  - When growing it looks identical to wheat
  - Only when the seed appears can you begin to see a difference
  - It is poisonous to humans that could lead to death
  - But was used as an intoxicant
  - It was an ingredient in early beers, in something called “dazed bread”, as a medical anesthetic to produce an insensitivity to pain

## The Lie Seed

- Biblical scholars believe this was the name for “tares” or “weeds” found in our Scripture this morning
  - It was also used to maliciously poison another’s wheat field when seeking revenge
  - There was actually a Roman Law against this with some huge penalties
  - Jesus used the properties of darnel to highlight the subtle working of Satan in our lives and the life of His church

## Scripture

- **Matthew 13:24-30 NIV**, 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.’”

## The Lie Seed

- Sometimes Satan's work is bold and in-your-face
  - **Job 1:13-18, 22 NIV**, 14 a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, 15 and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"
    - 16 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"
    - 17 While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

## The Lie Seed

- Sometimes Satan's work is bold and in-your-face
  - **Job 1:13-18, 22 NIV**, 18 While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, 19 when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"
    - 22 In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

## The Lie Seed

- But the most dangerous of Satan's attacks is the deep, subtle, slow growing lie
  - Subtle - difficult to detect or grasp by the mind or analyze, clever and indirect, disguised in purpose, working or spreading in a hidden and usually injurious way
  - **Job 2:7-10 NIV**, 7 So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord and afflicted Job with painful sores from the soles of his feet to the crown of his head. 8 Then Job took a piece of broken pottery and scraped himself with it as he sat among the ashes.
    - 9 His wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!" He replied, "You are talking like a foolish (*morally deficient*) woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.



## The Lie Seed

- This could have ended drastically different if Job had allowed that lie seed to settle in his mind and begin to grow or if he had allowed it to turn over and over in his mind, reliving it
  - Lie seeds are planted in a person's mind in a couple primary ways
    - The ears or the eyes but will quickly spread to the other
    - **Genesis 3:1 NIV**, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"
    - **Genesis 3:3 ESV**, "You certainly will not die!"
    - **Genesis 3:6 NIV**, "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was delightful to look at, and a tree to be desired in order to make one wise and insightful"

## The Lie Seed

- What lie seed are you allowing to grow and mature in your life
  - Oh, there are so many possibilities
    - God really doesn't love me, care for me, have the best for me
    - There is no hope for me, blessing, future might as well curse God and die
    - I am now totally free in Jesus and can live anyway I like
    - I can handle it and give it up anytime I want
    - It really is all about me
    - I don't love them anymore and God wants me to be happy

## We must stay vigilant and watch for lie seeds coming into our lives

- See the owner tirelessly preparing, working his field to get it ready
  - See the owner purposely spread good wheat seed that will produce a harvest of wheat to support his family and others, blessing
- See the work of his enemy
  - **Vs. 25**, But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds
    - The workers were not paying attention and fell asleep as an enemy stopped by
  - Notice the enemy did not destroy the field, just the harvest, the future
  - No obvious signs he had been there
  - He simply planted the lie seeds that would pretend to be a blessing but would ultimately hurt the owner and tarnish his name and reputation

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- That is the purpose of Satan in your life, the life of your family and the life of this church
  - **John 10:10 NIV**, The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.
  - **1st Peter 5:8-9 NIV**, 8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.
  - **John 16:13 NIV**, But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

## The response of the natural man to a lie seed is to blame God

- **Vs. 27**, “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field?”
  - If God had not created me with this anger
    - Not put me in that harsh abusive family
    - Just protected me from this event
    - Made me better and not bitter then....
  - It’s not my fault
  - Garden of Eden excuses
    - It’s the snake, women you created and brought to me on purpose

## The response of the natural man to a lie seed is to blame God

- **Joshua 24:15 NIV**, “Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve”
  - Are you choosing to serve yourself rather than the God who made a way for you
  - Maybe your bitterness, hopelessness, unforgiveness, shame, emotions, if onlys
  - Instead of blaming and running from God, choose to allow God to love you, encourage you, strengthen you, forgive you while you're dealing with lie seeds planted in your life

## We must understand lie seeds entangles every area of our lives

- The simple answer for the workers is just pull up the weed plants
  - But the wise owner knew there was an unseen or undetected issue
- **Vs. 29**, “‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them.’”
  - That was the enemy’s plan from the start
  - Start with a simple lie seeds
  - Plant it deep and let the roots grow undetected
  - Entangle the roots of the weed with the roots of the wheat growing close
  - Let the lie seeds pretend to be truth, make them feel good while it takes away blessings from the soil and sun

## We must understand lie seeds entangles every area of our lives

- **Hebrews 12:1 NIV**, “Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.”
  - Entangle - cause to become twisted together with or caught in, involved in difficulties or complicated circumstances from which it is difficult to escape
- There is no good sin
  - Sin always complicates life and brings heartache and ultimately ruin if it is allowed to grow and remains unconfessed



## **We must understand lie seeds entangles every area of our lives**

- There is no good sin
  - While all sin is evil and all sin will complicate life, each individual may struggle with his own particular sins that seem to ensnare and enslave him
  - The point is that everyone struggles with some sin; he has a wrestling against the flesh that seems to be particularly heavy and hard for him
  - This is why we must choose to throw away the lie seeds when it is first planted in our ears or eyes before they get rooted in our hearts, minds, and lives

## The Lie Seed

- This parable teaches that on Earth both good and bad grow and live together
  - All of us are susceptible to both the good and the bad influences
  - Our church is susceptible to those influences as well
- We must choose to stay close to our Savior and choose to live for His glory alone
  - We must choose to stay close while learning and living out the truth of God's Word
  - We must choose to live in unity under the obedience and leadership and of the Holy Spirit
    - Both in our homes and in His church

## The Lie Seed

- But there is coming a day when all that is not of God will be judged and removed
  - This will include you if you have not accepted the salvation and lordship offered by Jesus Christ
- Twice in chapter 13 Jesus ended His explanation of a parable with the words, “Whoever has ears, let them hear.”
  - AMP, “He who has ears [to hear], let him hear and heed My words.”
- What lie seeds have taken root in your life?

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