



# “DON’T FALL ASLEEP” PART 2

## THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT & THE TARES

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### Luke 21:34-36 AMPC

34 But take heed (*heed: pay attention to, listen to*) to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (*weighed down*) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [*lest*] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;

35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.

36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [*be discreet, attentive, and ready*], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

Jesus is speaking to you and I, regarding the Time Of The End or the days prior to the rapture and the events after during the tribulation that we see forming now. This signs are to tip us off, not to cause anxiety but to excite us, to remind us of the rapture of the church, for it is our reward for our obedience. It was through Enoch's habitual righteousness or his habit that he was raptured in Genesis 5.

This Time Of the End where Paul said things in the dark - wickedness will be brought out into the light. People in the church and false teaching will be exposed is happening. People in the church are doing "things" that the Bible said is sin and the church is no longer calling it sin - the are deceiving or willfully ignorant to God's Word.

**Ephesians 5:6-17 AMPC**

**6 Let no one delude and deceive you with empty excuses and groundless arguments [for these sins], for through these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of rebellion and disobedience.**

**7 So do not associate or be sharers with them.**

8 For once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of Light [lead the lives of those native-born to the Light].

9 For the fruit (the effect, the product) of the Light or [a]the Spirit [consists] in every form of kindly goodness, uprightness of heart, and trueness of life.

10 And try to learn [in your experience] what is pleasing to the Lord [let your lives be constant proofs of what is most acceptable to Him].

**11 Take no part in and have no fellowship with the fruitless deeds and enterprises of darkness,** but instead [let your lives be so in contrast as to] expose and reprove and convict them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of or mention the things that [such people] practice in secret.

13 But when anything is exposed and reproved by the light, it is made visible and clear; and where everything is visible and clear there is light.

**14 Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light.**

**15 Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),**

16 Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.

The Bible tells us at the time of the end or “The End Times”, we are going to come into a time called the harvest or Harvest Time.

### **Revelation 14:15 KJV**

15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; **for the harvest of the earth is ripe.**

### **Revelation 14:15 AMPC**

*15 And another angel came out of the temple sanctuary, calling with a mighty voice to Him Who was sitting upon the cloud, Put in Your scythe and reap, for the hour has arrived to gather the harvest, for the earth's crop is fully ripened.*

James tells us...

### **James 5:7-8 AMPC**

*7 So be patient, brethren, [as you wait] till the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits expectantly **for the precious harvest from the land**. [See how] he keeps up his patient [vigil] over it until it receives the early and late rains.*

*8 So you also must be patient. Establish your hearts [strengthen and confirm them in the final certainty], for the coming of the Lord is very near.*

In Part 1 we started to break down this Parable about the End Time Harvest which is at “The Time Of The End”.

### **Matthew 13:24-30 KJV**

*24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:*

*25 **But while men slept**, (opposite of awake) his enemy came and sowed tares (or darnel) among the wheat, and went his way.*

**Matthew 13:24-30 AMPC**

24 Another parable He set forth before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 **But while he was sleeping,** his enemy came and sowed also darnel (weeds resembling wheat) among the wheat, and went on his way.

This is what is happening right now, harvest time, God is doing something

**Hebrews 12:25-28 AMPC**

25 So see to it that you do not reject Him or refuse to listen to and heed Him Who is speaking [to you now]. **For if they [the Israelites] did not escape when they refused to listen and heed Him Who warned and divinely instructed them [here] on earth [revealing with heavenly warnings His will], how much less shall we escape if we reject and turn our backs on Him Who cautions and admonishes [us] from heaven?**

26 Then [at Mount Sinai] His voice shook the earth, but now He has given a promise: **Yet once more I will shake and make tremble not only the earth but also the [starry] heavens.**

27 Now this expression, **Yet once more, indicates the final removal and transformation of all [that can be] shaken**—that is, of that which has been created—**in order that what cannot be shaken may remain and continue.**

28 Let us therefore, receiving a kingdom that is firm and stable and cannot be shaken, offer to God pleasing service and acceptable worship, with modesty and pious care and godly fear and awe;

This is important, God is telling you and I that there will be a shaking that is going to occur again at the time of the end on earth and also in heaven.... **it is taking place right NOW**

Is the devil doing the shaking? NO, is the world doing the shaking? **NO, it is God doing the shaking.** So, why is God going to allow there to be this heavy shaking to take place at the time of the end **especially** prior or right before His return.

**Mark 14:38 KJV**

**38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.** *The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.*

**Mark 14:38 AMPC**

**38 Keep awake and watch and pray [constantly], that you may not enter into temptation;** *the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

**Luke 21:36 KJV**

**36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always,** *that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.*

**Luke 21:36 AMPC**

**36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things** *[taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.*

The Bible says that while *good men slept* or while the church has been sleeping (they are the ones sewing good seed) the enemy has come in and sown a tare.

**Matthew 13:24-30 KJV**

*25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.*

**What is a tare?** a tare is one of four types of wheat translated in many translations as *darnel*. It grows in grain fields and grows the same height as the wheat and even looks like wheat till harvest time comes. The rabbi's called it degenerate wheat and in their writings they called it bastard or illegitimate wheat.

It changes colors near harvest time, it looks like everything else around it except when it comes to harvest time, then it begins to change it's appearance.

**This is what happens:** the head of it begins to turn dark and there are small seeds in the tare that end up getting a fungus in the seed that is poisonous if it gets ground up with the wheat and made into dough or made into flour. The seed from this tare causes sleepiness, convulsions, nausea and death.

In the Bible, the tare represents someone who is not real (bad fruit), someone who claims to know the Lord but, word and deed don't line up and it also includes false teaching (half truths).

**Matthew 13:24-30 AMPC**

24 Another parable He set forth before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field.

25 **But while he was sleeping**, his enemy came and sowed also darnel (weeds resembling wheat) among the wheat, and went on his way. 26 So when the plants sprouted and formed grain, the darnel (weeds) appeared also.

27 And the servants of the owner came to him and said, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then how does it have darnel shoots in it?

28 He replied to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Then do you want us to go and weed them out?

29 But he said, No, lest in gathering the wild wheat (weeds resembling wheat), you root up the [true] wheat along with it.

**30 Let them grow together until the harvest; (The shaking will happen)** and at harvest time I will say to the reapers, Gather the darnel first and bind it in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my granary.

Born again believers, followers of Christ is who he is warning here - don't fall asleep. Don't get caught up in the worries of this world, don't be anxious, watch and pray at all times so we won't be caught unaware.

Caught unaware meaning - don't miss the rapture. (remember, that is the question the New Testament church was asking, Jesus went away, He didn't come back and the Romans, government, people, religious people were going after the christians... that is Biblical and secular history.



So why would we fall asleep ? Because of the tares... remember a tare is one of four types of wheat translated in many translations as *darnel*. It grows in grain fields and grows the same height as the wheat and even looks like wheat till harvest time comes. The rabbi's called it degenerate wheat and in their writings they called it bastard or illegitimate wheat.

It changes colors near harvest time..it looks like everything else around it except when it comes to harvest time, then it begins to change it's appearance.

Tares or darnel in other translations can be other people in our lives, people in the church, false teaching, sin in our own lives, things that we should be cutting off or out of our lives but as a result of letting them be planted in us and around us it "causes" us to go to sleep.

So, be careful in what you are listening to, who you are around, make sure you are in God's house - especially as the time or "End Time" approaches.

*How did the tares get into the church or church people or Gods people? - we stopped praying, stopped studying, stopped fasting, stopped listening to a rebuke (speaking or action taken for the purpose of restraint and correction), stopped wanting to hear what God said is sin and ran to what someone else said was ok, stopped living righteous and slowly becoming luke warm.*

*Rev13:luke warm defined: Not ardent (enthusiastic, passionate, whole hearted); not zealous; cool; indifferent...*

## **2 Timothy 4:1- AMPC**

*1 I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, **Who is to (1) judge the living and the dead, and by (2) (in the light of) His coming and (3) His kingdom:***

*2 Herald and preach the Word! Keep your sense of urgency [stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be favorable or unfavorable. [Whether it is convenient or inconvenient, whether it is welcome or unwelcome, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.*

*3 For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold,*

*4 And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.*

*5 As for you, be calm and cool and steady, accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.*

*6 For I am already about to be sacrificed [my life is about to be poured out as a drink offering]; the time of my [spirit's] release [from the body] is at hand and I will soon go free.*

*7 I have fought the good (worthy, honorable, and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith.*

**8 [As to what remains] henceforth there is laid up for me the [victor's] crown of righteousness [for being right with God and doing right], which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me and recompense me on that [great] day—and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved and yearned for and welcomed His appearing (His return).**

Here's the problem you have with the tares. In this parable the men went to the owner...

**Matthew 13:27-29 AMPC**

**27 And the servants of the owner came to him and said, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Then how does it have darnel (tares) shoots in it?**

**28 He replied to them, An enemy has done this. The servants said to him, Then do you want us to go and weed them out?**

**29 But he said, No, lest in gathering the wild wheat (weeds resembling wheat), you root up the [true] wheat along with it.**

They asked, can we go yank out the tares and the owner said “no, you can't do it because you will tear up good wheat”. When you have wheat and tares mixed in together, the roots become intertwined. It is the roots that are important. So, if you try and yank out the tare you will yank out some good wheat with it.

God is going to send a shaking that is predicted in the book of Hebrews (*Hebrews 12:25-28*). There is a principle in God's Word of separation at the time of the end or “End times”.

## **Separation in the New Testament:**

## Sheep and the goats

### Matthew 25:33 KJV

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

## Wheat and the tare

### Matthew 13:30 KJV

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

## Good fish from bad fish

### Matthew 13:48 KJV

48 Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away.

### Matthew 13:48 AMPC

48 When it was full, men dragged it up on the beach, and sat down and sorted out the good fish into baskets, but the worthless ones they threw away.

## **Profitable and unprofitable**

### **Matthew 25:29-30 AMPC**

29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will be furnished richly so that he will have an abundance; but from the one who does not have, even what he does have will be taken away.

30 And throw the good-for-nothing servant into the outer darkness; there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

## **Wise from foolish virgins**

### **Matthew 25:10-11 KJV**

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

## **Those with a wedding garment from those without**

### **Matthew 22:12-14 KJV**

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

### **Matthew 22:12-14 AMPC**

12 And he said, Friend, how did you come in here without putting on the [appropriate] wedding garment? And he was speechless (muzzled, gagged).

13 Then the king said to the attendants, Tie him hand and foot, and throw him into the darkness outside; there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

14 For many are called (invited and summoned), but few are chosen.

America is seeing a shaking politically, economically, socially, fear in general and not wanting Christians or God's Word, the light exposing their darkness... there is and will be more shaking up in religious organizations, in churches and the reason is they have been speaking and living contrary to God's Word and it wasn't until the trouble came, the storm came that we saw the faulty foundation.

**Proverbs 10:25 AMPC**

*25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked are no more, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous have an everlasting foundation.*

**Matthew 7:20-29 AMPC**

*20 Therefore, you will fully know them by their fruits.*

*21 Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven.*

*22 Many will say to Me on that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name and driven out demons in Your name and done many mighty works in Your name?*

*23 And then I will say to them openly (publicly), I never knew you; depart from Me, you who act wickedly [disregarding My commands]. 24 So everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts upon them [obeying them] will be like a sensible (prudent, practical, wise) man who built his house upon the rock.*

*25 And the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.*

*26 And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a stupid (foolish) man who built his house upon the sand. 27 And the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great and complete was the fall of it.*

*28 When Jesus had finished these sayings [the Sermon on the Mount], the crowds were astonished and overwhelmed with bewildered wonder at His teaching,*

*29 For He was teaching as One Who had [and was] authority, and not as [did] the scribes.*