

Daily Devotion For April 3, 2023

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 13:29-30

Yesterday after church I spent some time in my backyard pulling the weeds. Pulling weeds is one of my least favorite activities, but with all of the rains we have had this winter, the weeds have overtaken my yard!

There are some critical differences between the weeds in my garden and the weeds in Jesus’ parable. The weeds in the parable were deliberately sown by the farmer’s enemy, Satan. Those weeds would have looked like wheat plants at first and they were growing together. In weeding, you would have destroyed the good wheat with the bad weeds. And so in the parable, not weeding would have made good sense.

The meaning of the parable is that our enemy, Satan, is active in sowing weeds among the good seeds in God’s garden. We may wonder why God does not weed out the evil and wicked in our world today. But we can be thankful that God is most intent on preserving his people until the day of harvest.

Thought For Today: The enemy actively sows weeds among the good seeds in God’s Garden. Do you recognize the weeds growing around you?

Today’s Prayer Focus: Pray that the Lord would protect you from the weeds growing around you so they don’t choke off your spiritual growth.
Deo Volente.