

# New Creation, New Action

*“Jesus told them another parable: The Kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t we sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’ ‘No,’ he answered, because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. 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)*

Have you heard about the Laser? It is a field of technology that exists in many and various places of knowledge. It has a lot of uses and functions and it linked to many fields such as medicine, industry, engineering, agriculture, military, etc. It is becoming widespread in the existing fields and still invading new areas. This is all may be because Laser is precise in its action and points, and is not to be used unless these points are secured otherwise it brings destruction and adverse effect. Christians, the true believers and true followers of the Lord Jesus should act like a Laser; precise, appreciable, effective, powerful and well planned.

The above parable that Jesus gave describes the Kingdom of God. Everyone desires the optimum condition that a follower of Jesus is longing to see.

The **field** describes a school, church, institute, company, factory, supermarket, bank, or a city. And the **good seed** that grows and gives wheat represents the following:

1. The righteousness, holiness, justice and loving kindness of God who sent His one and only Son, Jesus Christ.
2. The saved souls who believe in Jesus and receive eternal life because their sins are washed not by their good work but by the blood of Jesus that was shed on the cross.
3. The fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. **But while everyone was sleeping the enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. The weeds represent:**
  1. The work of the evil one; the filthiness, the corruption, the injustice, and all wickedness.
  2. The children of the devil; the unbelievers and blasphemers of the name of Jesus.
  3. The acts of the sinful nature; which includes sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissension, factions, envy, unkindness, orgies, etc.

Clearly in comparison, wheat and weeds are completely different. One is opposite to the other. The wheat cannot tolerate the weeds. And from that point the good and faithful servants of the Lord have the desire to pull out the weeds from the fields so they asked the Lord, **“Do you want us to go and pull them up?”** But we find the Lord’s negative answer: **“No, He answered.”** When the action leads to destruction and damage more than repair or correction,

then no need to do that. Because by doing so, regression and not progression is accomplished. If any medicine causes damage or unwanted effects, then doctors will stop prescribing it. The same principle is what the Lord Jesus applies. He will not allow his people to tackle the weeds issue because it leads to destruction that even extends to the wheat side. Especially, when a disciple wants to use his own muscle power and flesh to tackle the issue the Lord never agrees. Another similar situation happened when the soldiers came to arrest Jesus. **“When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting his right ear. But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.” (Luke 22:49-51)** What Peter did is not only harming the soldier but also spoiling the image of Jesus who taught them to love one another including their enemies. The disciple of Jesus injured and harmed the soldier, And Jesus said, **“No more of this!”** The disciple wants to serve Jesus, but his zeal becomes harmful to others and his action adds to the workload of the Lord.

We may be the true believers and faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We want to please our Lord so we interfere or do things that we think can solve a problem. We think we are helping or lifting the name of the Lord, but in fact we become a stumbling block to others and spoil the divine plan of God. *So what shall we do? We may be accused that we are timed or unwise if we keep silent!* Firmly we must stand with the word of God; **“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7)** When we face the weeds in our lives our precise action should be out of the spirit that comes from God:

- a) **Spirit of power:** If we do not receive a clear order and vision from the Lord we should not interfere, otherwise we march by the human power and this yields to failure. **“But you will not receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.” (Acts 1:8 a)**
- b) **Spirit of Love:** Our action of love should be of the true compassion of Jesus. *How do we know that our action is out of true love of God?* This is if we find the following items of love in our hearts we are assured about our true motive: **“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)**
- c) **Spirit of discipline:** We need to check ourselves before searching others. We need to see our sins before judging others, to apply the word of God into our lives before applying it to the lives of others. We must be teachable, obedient and submissive, denying ourselves, and above all let us humble ourselves before God and man and completely put our trust and hope in the Lord.

**My dear and Beloved:** *After this quick review to a daily situation that all of us may pass through, we must take heed and apply the above points in our lives. As a new creation in Christ we aim to be renewed from glory to glory. To be like our Lord and Saviour is our goal. And we shall be like Him and when HE comes and as we obediently pray*

**My Prayer:** *“Dear Lord Jesus, teach me Your way O Lord, that I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may always fear Your Name.” Amen!*