

FAMILY BREAKDOWN – THE REMEDY – WEEK THIRTY EIGHT.

As we draw to the end of this series it is good to be reminded of the grace, mercy and love HaShem has for all His chosen people. We make decisions and judgements on the circumstances that surround us at the time. We draw conclusions with limited knowledge, especially when we compare the knowledge we have against the “knowledge” of HaShem. It is difficult for us to really absorb and fully understand the grace, mercy and love HaShem has for His people. When you view our history of faithfulness to HaShem it does not make for good viewing. How fortunate are we that HaShem not only sees the past and present but the future. HaShem well knows the future of all “things”, and as such He knows the future of individuals, communities, societies and countries. How fortunate we are that He can look into the hearts of people and see where that heart will be in the future in relationship to faithfulness to Him.

What we witness now, will not be in the future. Radical change is on the horizon, and our circumstances will change. When that takes place, only HaShem truly knows. Regardless we have a responsibility to be prepared as best as possible for the coming change. There will be a sorting out of the wheat and darnel/tares/weeds, a process that requires knowledge and care.

²⁴ Another simile he set before them, saying: `The reign of the heavens was likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, ²⁵ and, while men are sleeping, his enemy came and sowed darnel in the midst of the wheat, and went away, ²⁶ and when the herb sprang up, and yielded fruit, then appeared also the darnel. ²⁷ `And the servants of the householder, having come near, said to him, Sir, good seed didst thou not sow in thy field? whence then hath it the darnel? ²⁸ And he saith to them, A man, an enemy, did this; and the servants said to him, Wilt thou, then, [that] having gone away we may gather it up? ²⁹ `And he said, No, lest -- gathering up the darnel -- ye root up with it the wheat, ³⁰ suffer both to grow together till the harvest, and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the darnel, and bind it in bundles, to burn it, and the wheat gather up into my storehouse.' Matthew 13:24-30 [YLT]

³⁶ Then having let away the multitudes, Yeshua came to the house, and his disciples came near to him, saying, `Explain to us the simile of the darnel of the field.' ³⁷ And he answering said to them, `He who is sowing the good seed is the Son of Man, ³⁸ and the field is the world, and the good seed, these are the sons of the reign, and the darnel are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is a full end of the age, and the reapers are messengers. ⁴⁰ `As, then, the darnel is gathered up, and is burned with fire, so shall it be in the full end of this age, ⁴¹ the Son of Man shall send forth his messengers, and they shall gather up out of his

*kingdom all the stumbling-blocks, and those doing the unlawfulness,
42 and shall cast them to the furnace of the fire; there shall be the
weeping and the gnashing of the teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous
shine forth as the sun in the reign of their Father. He who is having
ears to hear -- let him hear. Matthew 13:36-43 [YLT]*

When the Master Himself says, '*He who is having ears to hear – let him hear*', then it is surely a time to listen and take notice to what is being said.

We would be wise to notice some key points Yeshua makes in these discussions. Firstly Yeshua is making a comparison between the kingdom of heaven and a field where seed was sown by the farmer. This would have been an example His audience would well understand. The importance of having a weed free crop would not have been lost on His Talmidim.

We can safely assume great care was taken at the time of sowing, yet this was not enough to protect the crop as when the farmer was sleeping an enemy came and polluted the field with Darnel. It is important we understand what Darnel is, and why Yeshua chose this weed for the parable. Darnel is a plant that is difficult to distinguish from wheat as it grows at the same rate and height with very similar features. It is often referred to as "false wheat", and it is almost impossible to tell the difference between the two before harvest. It is only when the "fruit" is ripe that the difference can be more easily spotted. This is why Yeshua said wait until harvest time before you try and separate the two. There is a message here for us as it can be very prudent for us to wait before we judge where a person or community is in relation to HaShem. Not only should we allow ourselves the time to grow and mature into a "product" that will be housed in the kingdom of heaven, but we should allow others the chance to grow and mature. It is only by the emergence of fruit that one can really tell what has been produced. Hence the Master saying, "*you will know them by their fruits*". In relation to those institutions and communities that claim to be the true Children of HaShem, we can look at the fruit that their "constitutions" established over time. We ask, are their constitutions built on the foundations of Torah and HaMoshiach. What we find in both Houses of Israel is a mixture of seed. History shows that both Houses have produced works worthy of "Wheat" and both Houses have produced works that are worthy of "Darnel". This produces confusion and makes it difficult to sort out the good from the evil. Our Adversary loves to confuse, deceive and present lies as truth. That the enemy can sow corrupt seed that grows almost indistinguishable to good seed should be of no surprise.

"The fact is that such men are pseudo-emissaries: they tell lies about their work and masquerade as emissaries of the Messiah. There is nothing surprising in that, for the Adversary himself masquerades as an angel of light; so it's no great thing if his workers masquerade as servants of righteousness. They will meet the end their deeds deserve." 2Corinthians 11:13-15 [CJB]

It is only at maturity that this end will come. It is when the fruit appears that the heavenly court makes a decision on who is classed as Darnel and who is classed as Wheat. Yeshua says that the “Wheat” is equivalent to the sons of the kingdom, and the “Darnel” is equivalent to being the sons of evil or the evil one.

It is Yeshua who sows the “Wheat” and it is the Adversary who comes and sows the “Darnel”. As all seed need nutrients to grow and flourish so too the sons of the kingdom and the sons of the evil one. Please allow me to try and explain what is happening here. When we sow a field on the farm, we prepare the ground as best as possible. We purchase clean seed without weeds or Darnel. We plant the seed then apply the necessary nutrients for optimum crop growth. Somehow weeds are always present and these same weeds receive the same nutrients and thus grow alongside the planted crop. It is only at the correct time that you can employ methods to destroy the weeds without damaging the crop or good seed. Early on in growth it is often very difficult to tell the difference between the crop and the weeds, and unless you are very experienced in knowing the differences you can easily mistake the one for the other. With this in mind let us re-look at the parable. Both the good seed and the bad seed grew together. They both received the same nutrients for growth and only with maturity of the fruit can you tell the difference. None the less the Darnel was always Darnel, and the Wheat was always Wheat, both flourished but neither changed from their original product. If we transfer this fact over to the Children of HaShem we can see how it is possible for people to receive the same set of instructions from HaShem yet the end product can be so different. Even though I do not pretend to fully understand how it all works, I do know that those who become Children of HaShem were always going to become Children of HaShem, and those who don't were never going to. Only HaShem knows who will be Wheat and who will be Darnel. We can however make educated conclusions if we are experienced in “farming”, as experience and education allows a farmer to know the differences between good crops and weeds. Yet even with experience and knowledge it is wise to allow the plants to grow to a point when those decisions are more easily made. Many think they can take up “farming” and be successful at it straight away. Let me assure you that this is not the case. Unless someone teaches you the differences between good crops and weeds, your whole farm will be quickly overrun with weeds, making it unproductive and worthless. For the Children of HaShem the weeds that poison our crop are those things that teach against Torah and HaMoshiach. Darnel has poisonous properties and must not be harvested and stored with Wheat, making it vital that at the correct time Darnel be identified and destroyed so it does not contaminate the Wheat.

At some stage the “perfect Farmer” will destroy the sons of evil [Darnel] and take into His Kingdom the sons of HaShem [Wheat]. In the mean time it is important that we try to keep ourselves from mixing our seed with the seed of Darnel so we don't become corrupt, full of contamination producing a product devoid of nutrients. As a nation we must hold onto the teachings of Torah and follow in the footsteps of HaMoshiach Yeshua.

We are blessed with the fact that HaShem continues to shower us with His grace and mercy. He helps us grow to our full potential, giving us the opportunity to produce fruit that can be likened unto Wheat. Let us not be wasteful with this opportunity and as we farmers say, “make hay/wheat while the sun/Son shines”.

Truly there is no God like our God, the God of Israel and no nation like the Nation whom He elected.

Blessings to all citizens of biblical Israel,

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