

“Three Parables of the Kingdom”
Matthew 13: 24-33

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Verse 24 - 30

**The Wheat and the Tares deals
with Judgment**

Wheat are genuine

Tares are false

You cannot tell them apart until the harvest
(the judgment)

THE PARABLE OF THE



Wheat and Tares

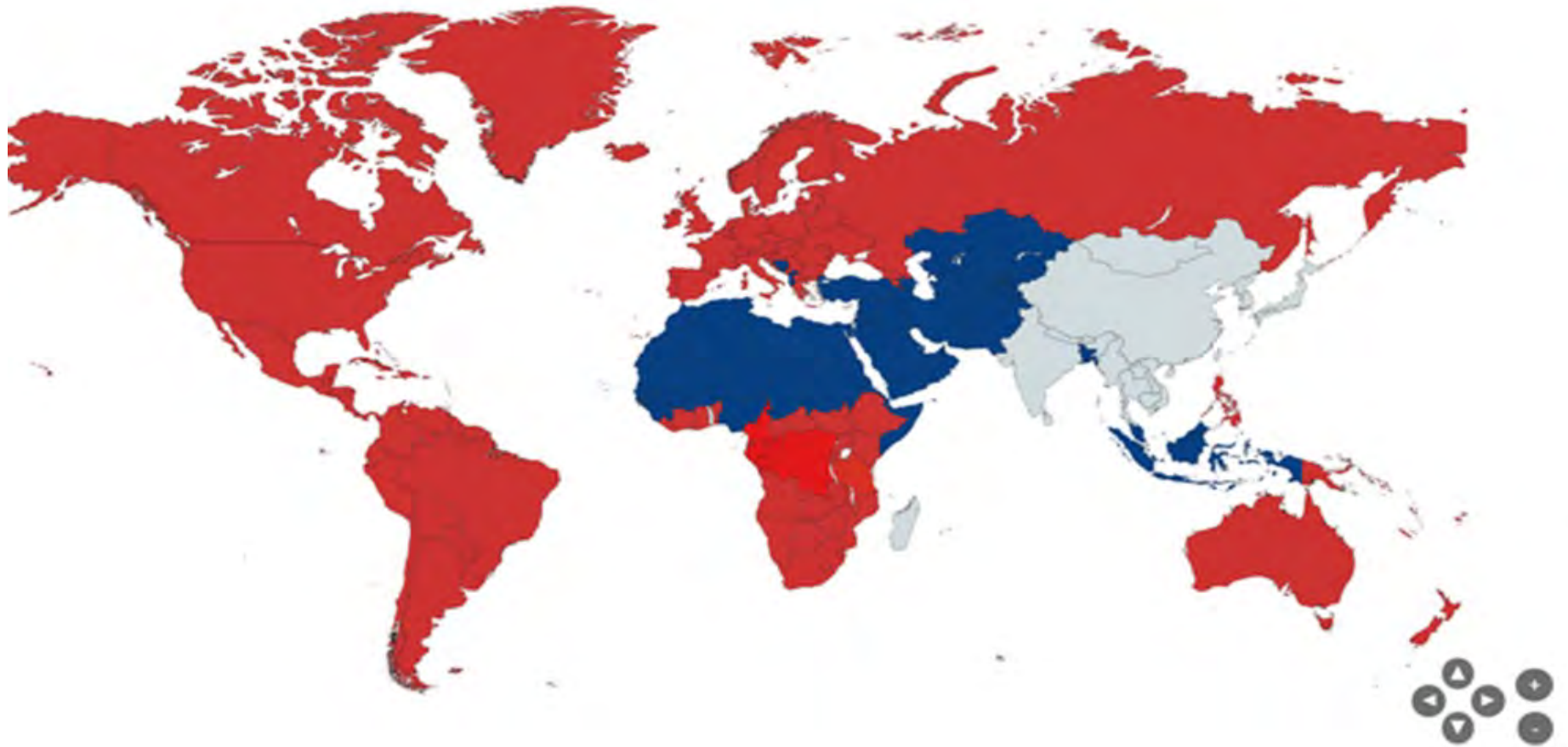
Verse 31 - 32

The Mustard Seed

The mustard seed is a tiny seed that is planted in the ground and grows



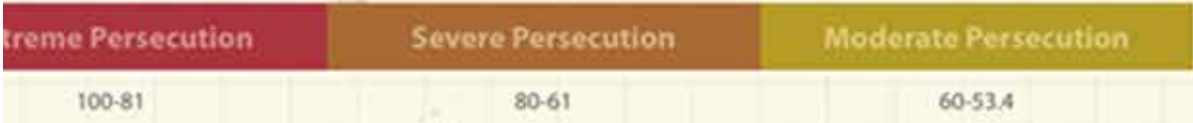
The kingdom starts small and encompasses the entire earth







The Persecution of Christians



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The Top 10 Countries

where it's most difficult to follow Jesus

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| 1 Afghanistan | 6 Eritrea |
| 2 North Korea | 7 Nigeria |
| 3 Somalia | 8 Pakistan |
| 4 Libya | 9 Iran |
| 5 Yemen | 10 India |

**Christianity has
grown,
*but not without
sacrifice!***

Verse 33

The Parable of Leaven

Some believe leaven is used in a good sense, for others it is evil

The evil view will be our focus and why!

The woman in Scripture represents a religious system

Israel is the wife of Jehovah

The Church is the Bride of Christ

The woman (*the false religious system*) in **Revelation 17** is called the ***“mother of harlots”***

It seems that leaven is evil

**As we grow closer to the end of the age,
apostates will abound**

- Revelation 3: 17

- Matthew 24: 12

- 2 Thessalonians 2: 3

What we are seeing in the Church today is apostasy – *a falling away from the true faith!*

The Church, in apostasy, cloaks their falling away with:

“God talk” and “Jesus speak”

“We just have to love everyone”

What is love?

Agape = not shown by doing what the person you love desires, but what the loved one needs!

How is real love for God demonstrated?

By obeying God's commands

TRUTH: Those who **love** Jesus will **follow** Jesus and **obey** Jesus

Love is much more than talk - *Love is demonstrated!*

John 10:27; John 14: 21; John 14: 23; 1 John 5: 3

The parable of Leaven speaks of the Church embracing the world – *this ought not be!!*

Verse 34 - 35

**Jesus fulfills prophecy by speaking in
parables**

For the rest of His Galilean ministry, Jesus will speak in parabolic language

The giving God would provide the rescue we needed, and He would be *REJECTED!!*

Verse 36 - 43

Wheat and Tares explained

What will we learn from this parable?

- *Sons of the kingdom will be sown in the world*
- *God's kingdom will encompass the entire world*
- *In the new age of the kingdom, good and evil will exist side by side*
- *Sowing evil amongst the good is from the ascension of Christ until His Second Coming*

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

Many tares do not realize they are tares (*false Christians*)

Most tares look around and think others are tares and they are okay

Many tares go to tare churches that teach tare teaching (*world think*)

What is “tare teaching”?

Tares cover what God calls an abomination with “love”

Abomination = “*To’evah*” = morally disgusting

What is the big deal with “*To’evah*”?

God has deemed these practices destructive to the family and society

How does one know they are genuine and not a tare?

*The single requirement for salvation is to believe and receive the gift of salvation – **John 1:12***

Did you ever wonder, am I a tare?

Let's go to the Word

Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? – unless indeed you are disqualified. (2 Corinthians 13: 5)

Examine = to try, to prove whether evil or good

Test = “*dokimazo*” = approved as genuine

Disqualified = “*adokimos*” = not approved as genuine

Please note, this is for you to examine yourself, *not others* - ***self-examination is in view here***

2 Timothy 2: 19 - Those who belong to God will turn away from wickedness

Titus 1:15-16

“To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

They profess to know God, but in works they deny [Him], being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.”

Jesus' parables are to be heeded!

They promote introspection and examination of one's life

I believe that persecution is coming, *for real*, to the true Church

Good soil and wheat will stand firm and not cave

Tares and leaven will cave and blend with the persecutors and believe they are serving God

Oh, how deception has taken hold of our land!

**HAVE EYES TO SEE AND EARS
TO HEAR**

***WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING
TO YOU TODAY!***