

“Seven Secrets of the Kingdom”
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Intro: The weed-wacker misnomer.

- I. Secrets are “mysteries.” Greek: *mysteria*. (Mt 13:11)
 - a. God reveals some things to everyone
 - b. God reveals some things only to believers
- II. The Good Seed
 - a. Sown by the Son of Man
 - b. What makes people *good*?
- III. The Bad Seed
 - a. Sown by the devil
 - b. What makes people *bad*?
- IV. The Servants
 - a. They want to pull up the weeds
 - b. They actually don’t know the weeds from the wheat
- V. The Kingdom
 - a. The present age is mixed
 - b. There is no perfect church
- VI. The Harvest
 - a. The end of the age (reverse rapture?)
 - b. The harvesters are angels
- VII. The Kingdom of the Father
 - a. The righteous will be revealed
 - b. What makes people *righteous*?

Close: In the Lord’s Prayer we pray for the harvest to come. We also pray that God will transform weeds into wheat through repentance and faith.