

## **Kingdom Expectations**

(Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

**Thesis:** Jesus teaches us to have realistic expectations of what life and ministry looks like in His “inaugurated Kingdom.” Such *expectations management* is helpful for our encouragement and even perseverance as we serve Him in the midst of great opposition.

### **I. Expectations Management: The Wheat and Tares (Matt. 13:24-30)**

- A. “Kingdom of Heaven” defined
- B. “Kingdom of Heaven” compared to entire parable (24-30)
  - 1. Man sows good seed into his field (24)
  - 2. Enemy plants bad seed in the field (25)
  - 3. Both wheat and weeds grow in the field (26)
  - 4. Workers are perplexed (27)
  - 5. Explanation: An enemy is working against us (28a)
  - 6. Exhortation: Do not uproot the weeds (29)

### **II. Jesus Offers a “Cheat Sheet” (Matt. 13:36-43)**

- A. Jesus sows the good seed (37)
- B. The “field” is the “world” (38a)
- C. The good seed are sons of the kingdom (38b)
- D. The weeds are sons of the devil (38c)
- E. The enemy who sowed the weeds is the devil (39a)
- F. The harvest is the end of the age (39b)
- G. The reapers are the angels (39c)
- H. All will be sorted out at the last day (40-43)