

**PENTECOST 7**

**THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY**

**MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43**

**JULY 19, 2020**

Jesus tells the parable of the weeds of the field

We know that inside of us, there is good seed, but often in life we fall asleep and the enemy comes into us and sows weeds. Who among us has not fallen asleep only to awaken with our bad habits and behavior. Our search for nutrients for our field gets filled with weeds and bad choices and our lives can become wretched and difficult. We live with both the good and the bad in our lives.

We have the promise of the Son of Man that He will, at the close of the age, send His angels and will root out the bad. What will be left is the good and that will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of the Father.

So whatever it is that has darkened your soul, given you despair, and depressed you so much that you cannot conquer the weeds in you, take heart in the Gospel. God can root it out and will. Then you will shine and grow at the close of the age.

Our world now has bad seed. Addictions, bad behavior, the corona virus and racism have found soil in which to grow. It is bad and it is ugly. We weep and gnash our teeth. However, the angels of God are also here. They are alive and active. May we help them to do their work of rooting out all bad seed.

Prayer: Go to work, dear God. Send your angels. Root out the bad, protect us from the ugly, and make your creation good again. Amen.