



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

### **Matthew 13:36-43**

Jesus dismissed the crowds and went into the house.

His disciples approached him and said,

“Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

He said in reply, “He who sows good seed is the Son of Man,  
the field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom.

The weeds are the children of the Evil One,  
and the enemy who sows them is the Devil.

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire,  
so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels,  
and they will collect out of his Kingdom  
all who cause others to sin and all evildoers.

They will throw them into the fiery furnace,  
where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun  
in the Kingdom of their Father.  
Whoever has ears ought to hear.”

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

In a world that has been home to Billy Graham, Mother Teresa and George Washington, how can that same world be a place where drug dealers, terrorists and corrupt politicians exist? Jesus points out that evil is a mystery that exists in God's Kingdom here are earth. We see its effects every day. What are we to do about it? Pray. Live a life rooted in grace and always remember, God will have the last word.

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## **Food for your Journey**

I always think of my sins when I weed. They grow apace in the same way and are harder still to get rid of.

-Helena Rutherford Ely, *A Woman's Hardy Garden* (1903).

Everyone has enough weeding to do in their own garden.

-Flemish proverb.

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, at times this world seems polluted with evil. However, You came into this world to be its Light. Help me, Lord, through my daily living to reveal Your Presence. Amen.