



# Shine Like the Sun

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The disciples were first called Christians because of the anointing that remained on them and in them. Yeshua (Jesus) was called Messiah, the Anointed One, and that same anointing is to rest on each one of us. It is more than a few experiences in the Holy Spirit; rather, you are to know “the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:13). The fulfillment of Tabernacles will be the abiding presence of God that will come and remain in your life. We have looked for these things, but I believe it is really time; I believe this is the generation of fulfillment (Matthew 24:34).

## A Parable Paints a Picture

When Yeshua wanted to immerse people into a picture and give them understanding, He told them a parable. A parable is a literary device that paints a picture of a reality that is difficult to explain to the natural mind. That is why Christ used parables. You can literally picture something that is beyond words to describe. I want you to see a vision of the parable of the Wheat and the Tares. Immerse yourself into it like you are watching your life on a video screen. Visualize the farmer plowing the field, spreading good seed, and going home exhausted. While he is sleeping, his enemy comes and plants tares among the wheat. As the wheat starts to bear fruit, the enemy’s tactics suddenly become evident. The slaves want to pull out the tares, but the landowner responds, “No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, ‘First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn’” (Matthew 13:29-30). Puzzled by this parable, the disciples came to Yeshua saying, “Explain this movie to us because we don’t get it.”





So Christ responded, “The Son of Man came and sowed the good seed. The field is the world and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The tares are the sons of the evil one and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age and the reapers are God’s angels” (see Matthew 13:36-39). At the time of the harvest, “the Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father” (Matthew 13:41-43). You are getting ready to shine like the sun!

## The Parable of the Wheat and the Tares Is the Story of Your Life

The Wheat and the Tares is a simple parable, but the Lord is telling you the story of your life. The farmer planted the good seed with room to grow and have plenty of sunlight, soil, and water. But the enemy planted tares in the space that was provided for the good crop to grow. Recognize that Yeshua planted you in this world as a good seed, as His son or daughter. You are what He is growing. Christ has planted you on earth to grow and mature into His fullness (Ephesians 4:13). But the devil has planted things in you or around you to try and destroy you as you mature. The tares have literally been blocking the sunlight, drinking the moisture out of the ground, and taking the nutrients away from the true plants that God is growing. If you feel destroyed at times, realize that you have lived your life in this mixed field. Stop blaming yourself and get out of any self-condemnation; instead, realize that God must move on your behalf.

If you just had a chance to grow as a healthy plant and had room to spread out, your life and relationships would be completely different. You would marvel at Yeshua’s beauty in your brothers and sisters within the Body of Christ and recognize the deep hidden work the Holy Spirit is growing in your own heart as well.

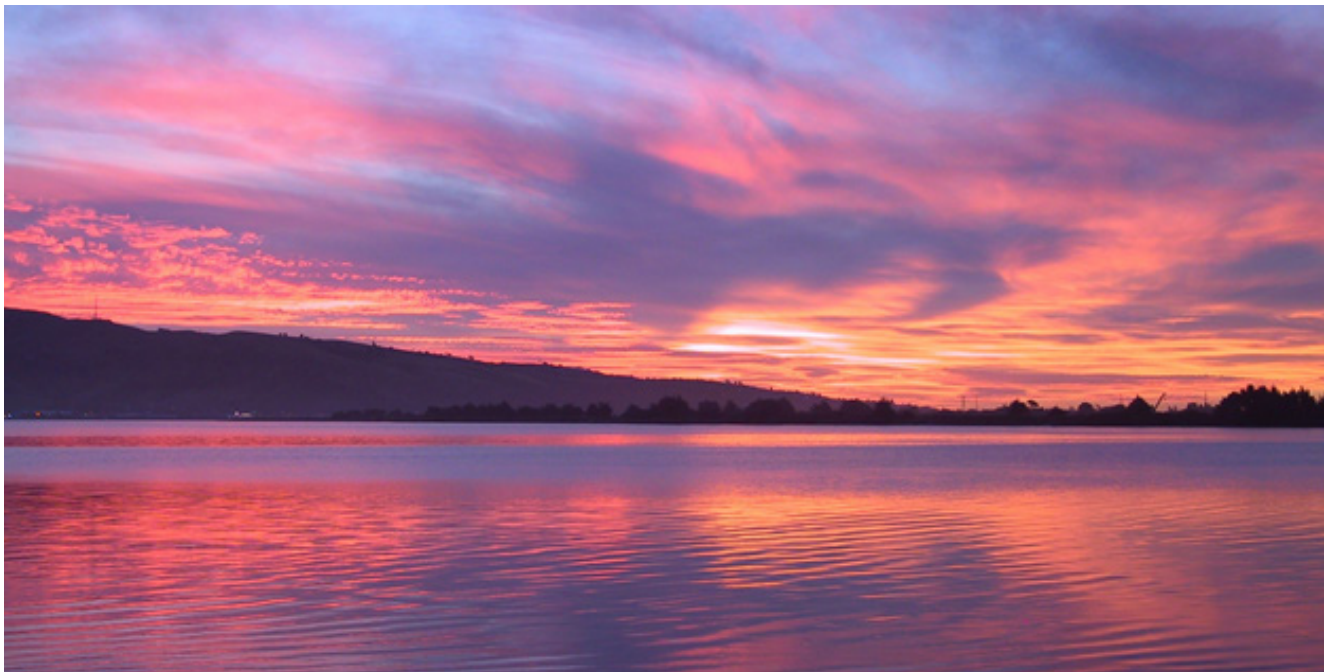


## The Removal of the Tares Will Be Your Liberation and Healing

**W**e know that our struggle is not against people. The apostle Paul wrote, “Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). We are dealing with spiritual forces, and that is what this story is all about. In this parable, Yeshua is trying to explain the influence of the tares in your life. It does not make you any less guilty, but does that make you a tare? No! There is a huge difference between what has impacted your environment and what is actually you. Do you understand? You have been influenced by these tares, but if you just had the opportunity to be a healthy plant in a healthy environment, you would be okay. In fact, with the manifestation of God’s glory within you, it would push out the tares and you would shine like the sun in the Kingdom of your Father (Matthew 13:43). Your life should be blessed and anointed continually!

**“Thus let all Your enemies perish, O LORD;  
But let those who love Him be like the  
rising of the sun in its might.”**

JUDGES 5:31



One manifestation of the Spirit's presence is for judgment. By the Spirit of God, judgment is coming on these demonic spirits that are behind the tares: "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment" (John 16:8). But judgment for the saints will be liberating. There is a moment when the tares are harvested; everything the devil planted will be removed. Sickness is not from God; He did not plant it into the field. The very existence of disease comes with the tares. I tell you, it is time for your healing—emotionally, mentally, and physically. I want God to set you free from condemnation and for this message to have a very specific, personal application in your life. So much of what you attribute to yourself or think are just natural circumstances is initiated by the spirit world behind it. But the love of God is being "perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world" (1 John 4:17). If those tares could be stripped away, you would suddenly radiate like the sun.

## You Are the Glory of the Lord

You are God's sons and daughters, His dear children, and the pure wheat of His field. Remember, those tares were planted in the space around the wheat plants. So that means you have literally been surrounded by tares. As you look around the Body of Christ, you may wonder, "Are you just another tare in my life? I cannot see you clearly." This conflict seems so normal and natural because you have grown up this way. But in the time of harvest, God says to the reapers, "Bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into My barn" (Matthew 13:30). The glory of the Lord is coming, but I tell you, there is no true glory without the removal of that which hides you as the glory of the Lord. You must understand that the glory is not something that comes down and rests on you during a worship service—you are the glory. God's glory is manifesting in you and through you and that is God's purpose.

**He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel,  
In Whom I will show My glory."**

ISAIAH 49:3

The Hebrew translation of Isaiah 49:3 is even stronger: "In *you* I will show my glory" (emphasis added). God's glory is manifesting in you and through you and that is His purpose. You should look for healings because of an internal manifestation of God's glory in you. It comes and literally pushes out the results and influence of the tares that have been around you. Then your face will shine like the sun—just as the Master's face shone when He was transfigured on the mountain (Matthew 17:2).



“Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.  
For behold, darkness will cover the earth  
And deep darkness the peoples;  
But the LORD will rise upon you  
And His glory will appear upon you.”

ISAIAH 60:1-2



For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

## Paul Saw This Same Experience of Fire and Glory

**I**n 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10, Paul mentions this same experience of Christ being glorified in His saints. God is going to manifest His glory in the Body of Christ and we are going to shine. The glory of God will radiate from your being and people are going to see it because the tares will be gone. Adam and Eve had that glory in the Garden. They were covered by such glory that you could not see their physical manifestation. They radiated the glory of God. When sin blocked that, they suddenly realized that they were naked (Genesis 3:10). Father, clothe Your people in Your glory! When judgment takes place on everything that blocks this glory, people are going to marvel at how Yeshua shines forth in you. In your heart cry, “Now, Lord!” It is the divine moment when the tares are to be taken out. It is a simple process that means you are going to start seeing healings and miracle releases. You can see your children turn around if they are not even walking with God. You will see tremendous changes and healings in people’s lives. God is going to make up to you for the years that the locust has eaten and deal “wondrously with you; then My people will never be put to shame” (Joel 2:26).

## Father, Send Your Angels to Harvest the Tares

**C**ry to your Father and say, “I am a child of God and I have been robbed of what I need to be healthy. I reject these tares. Rip them out of my life now and give me the miracle of healing and restoration that You promised. Send Your angels to harvest the tares and restore me according to Your goodness. Take up Your abode in me. I draw You. You are the Anointed One who delivers me from bondage. Break every chain of oppression and release Your people. Move as Messiah and let Your anointing rest on Your children. Like a mother, come and comfort Your people.”

Instead of your shame you will have a  
double portion,  
And instead of humiliation they will shout  
for joy over their portion.  
Therefore they will possess a double portion  
in their land,  
Everlasting joy will be theirs.

ISAIAH 61:7



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# ABOUT GARY HARGRAVE



GARY HARGRAVE has a passion for leading people into spiritual maturity. Gary effectively ministers the life-changing truth of God's Word through Bible teaching and prophetic revelation that emphasizes the Lordship of Christ.

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Everything we do flows from the revelation of the Jewish roots of our Christian faith. It is our desire and privilege to bless the land and people of Israel. Our Israel outreach includes:

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- **Support the orphans and widows of fallen Israeli soldiers**
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- **Build bridges between Christians and Jews with biblical study and research**
- Support archaeology and preservation of the **biblical City of David**
- Provide 24/7 **care for Holocaust survivors**
- **Help persecuted Jews around the world return to Israel and start new lives**
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