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Title: The Coming Judgment

Text: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

The concept of the final judgment is found throughout the Bible.

**Hebrews 9:27** - And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Jesus spoke often about the judgment and His message was repent for the kingdom of Heaven is near.

The Apostle Paul said Christians will also appear in the Judgment

**2 Corinthians 5:10** - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

The Book of Revelation speaks of the judgment for those who reject Jesus.

**Revelation 20:11-13** - <sup>11</sup> And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

The judgment is about justice and accountability. This parable of the weeds compares the judgment to the harvesting of crops.

**Matthew 13:36-43** - Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

The Sower of the good seed is the Son of Man.

The field is the world.

The good seed stands for the people of the kingdom of Heaven.

The weeds are the people of the evil one.

The enemy who sows the weeds is the devil.

The harvest is the end of the world.

The harvesters are angels.

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.