引言 INTRODUCTION

Home-ownership is a milestone of the American dream. A house is the most expensive thing most people will ever buy in their life. But having your property also means a lot of works. Unlike living in an apartment, you cannot call a manager and expect someone to fix a problem. You either do it yourself or pay someone to take care of it. Mowing the lawn is a usual task in the warmer season. I almost fainted the first time I cut grass under the sun. Before I got the job done, my mower stopped working. Therefore, I took it back to the store and asked for help. A guy looked underneath the machine and told me that a lump of grass was stuck there. That was why the blade was not spinning. I was sure he had a good laugh after I left. Then I was told that I had to fertilize the lawn and prevent weed from spreading. A couple of guys took that job very seriously. A brother from my church thought that if one bag of fertilizer could make his grass look green, then the more the better. He ended up dumping ten bags onto his yard – and almost killed everything. I guess for the same reason eating too much vitamin can be harmful to your body. My next door neighbor heard that a particular herbicide was very effective. He sprayed it onto everything that did not look like regular grass. Little did he know that the chemical can destroy virtually any plant. Fortunately, the lawns in both cases recovered later. After all these years, I have accumulated some experience about yard-work. Anyone will hate to see weeds. Those plants look ugly. They can grow in the toughest conditions. They pop up earlier and grow faster than the good grass. Will it not be nicer if weeds do not exist? We can save some time and money on treating them. Following the same logic, people will be happier if there is no sin in the world. Evil is like weeds, it only causes us troubles and losses. Why does God allow evil to exist and even flourish? Jesus used a parable to help us understand the reason. Here is the lesson to keep in mind: evil will grow, but it will not last long.

解釋 EXPLANATION

1. 野草的散播 Distribution of Weeds

First, let us consider the distribution of weeds. After the farmer sowed good seeds to his field, an enemy distributed bad seeds to the same ground. Read verses 24-25 again: 24 ... "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away." In today's term, we say the enemy was carrying out bio-terrorism. He used weeds to hurt the landowner. The farmer had to do extra work to separate the weeds from his crops. It would also lead to financial loss if the final yield was reduced. Just like the parable of the four soils we studied last week, Jesus explained this parable to the disciples later. He clarifies in verses 37 to 39 what the major characters in the story represent. The field is the world. The farmer is the Son of Man, which is a usual title Jesus calls Himself in the gospels. The good seeds represent true believers. The enemy is the devil. The weeds are his followers. In short, Satan distributes non-believers to the midst of Christians. At this point, everything is quite clear. This is one of the parables of the Kingdom that Jesus told. Each story illustrates certain aspects about God's Kingdom. Jesus came to establish His domain on the earth. He invited people to enter into His Kingdom as He shared

the gospel. Even today, Jesus sends out messengers for the same goal. While the Lord is busy mobilizing His followers, Satan is also working hard to distribute his weeds. In order to blend it, wicked plants must look similar to the good crops. Paul states in 2 Corinthians 11:13-14-13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Satan is an expert in undercover. His false apostles look like true apostles of God. False teaching will look like God's truth too. People will be misled if they cannot distinguish between the two. Think of it in terms of fake goods. There are people who are fooled into buying counterfeit products. They pay a huge amount, thinking that they are getting the real thing. Then there are others know clearly that they are purchasing a copy. They trick others into believing that they are wearing name-brand clothes or carrying an expensive handbag. Many people worship false gods for similar reasons. Some are deceived and they follow a wrong crowd. Others choose an idol because they do not want to pay the high price for following Jesus. They enjoy the good feeling of being religious. Perhaps it is a false sense of peace, a false hope that they will get everything they ask for or a false security that they will go to a better place when they leave the world. False religions will coexist with true faith. Let us be clear: sin does not come from God. The Creator actually made a perfect world. Everything He created was good. Things turned bad after Adam and Eve rebelled against God. Sin entered the world as a result. Here is something very precious: God gave the couple a choice to obey or disobey Him. Freedom is real only if they could choose not to listen to God. You say: God was bringing trouble to Himself! All parents are taking the same risk when they decide to have babies. How can they be so sure that their children will grow up to be good boys and good girls? They cannot! They teach their children to do right things. But eventually, young people must make their own decisions in life. Kids' love is real only when they willingly choose to love their parents. Likewise, God made humans, not robots. He does not want to use punishment as a threat and force us to love Him either. Submission must be an intentional choice backed up by actions. Evil exists in the world because people deliberately forsake God. The fact that Satan distributes weeds everywhere makes gospel work challenging. We are fighting against ideas to win souls. We present the good news to counteract fake news. But we cannot change people. We are only messengers and Jesus is the Master. Only He can soften people's hearts and convict them of their sins.

2. 野草的區別 Distinction of Weeds

Distribution of weeds was done secretly. No one knew that there were bad seeds in the field until they sprouted. Next, we will consider the distinction of weeds. There are some characteristics that makes them stand out. Jesus says in verse 26: "So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also." Gradually, the seedlings will produce heads of grains. At that stage, the servants could spot the weeds because they look differently. Let us have a quick lesson on plant science to understand the background. Some of your Bibles may translate weeds as tares. Its common name is "false wheat." It grows well in the same region where wheat is cultivated. The seedlings of both plants look alike. However, wheat turns brown when it ripe while tares become black in color. Wheat grains are ground for making bread, pastas, etc. In contrast, tares cannot be eaten. It is in fact poisonous. It makes people dizzy and it will cause them to throw up. It is even lethal when consumed in high dose. Despite those dangers, some farmers in Africa and Asia grow tares. They add a controlled amount of it when they brew beer to give the drink an extra kick. Weeds may look like wheat when they are young. Before long, their

true nature will show up. We call this principle "you reap what you sow." Jesus uses the same analogy in Matthew 7:15-16 – 15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?" A tree can only produce its kind of fruit. You cannot find lemons on an apple tree! Jesus concludes the Sermon on the Mount in the passage. He told the audience that true followers are those who hear and do what He said. Satan's messengers may disguise as real believers. But eventually, their fruits will reveal their identity and intents. We need to be careful, lest we may eat toxic fruits or be eaten by a wolf. How can we discern the weeds in our society? Many people say that they believe in God. We can verify that statement by checking their fruits. There are a few key doctrines that we cannot compromise. First: what are their views on God's Son? Some religions say that Jesus was a created being, an angel or a man that somehow elevated to be a god. According to the Bible, Jesus is the one true God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born into the world through a virgin. Jesus was fully God and fully human while He was on the earth. Some say that Jesus' death was just a great example of selfless love. The Bible says Jesus died for the sin of mankind but He rose three days later to prove that He is God. Second: what are their views on God's Word? Is the Bible just a book written by men that teaches good moral lessons? Or is it truly inspired by the Holy Spirit that conveys God's truths? Is it full of mistakes, or is it perfect in its content? Is it one of the various references we can consult, or is it the absolute authority we must follow? Third: what are their views on God's works? Did God abandon us after creation? Or is He actively participating in history to accomplish His plans? Do we come into the world by chance? Or does God have a special purpose in each of our lives? Why did Jesus save us? Is it only to make us happy, healthy and wealthy, or is it for His glory? What will happen after people leave this world? Do they just cease to exist? Do they move on to the next life as a dog or a frog depends on the amount of good works they do? Or will there be a final judgment that determines whether people will go to heaven or hell? It is important to ask people why they believe what they believe. Responses like: "my mom told me so" or "someone on the social media said so" will not cut it. We need to ask from where those people get their answers. People's opinions may keep changing. New ideas continue to pop up. But God's truth remains the same. Throughout history, many scholars challenge the accuracy of the Bible. They all fail. God's Word is not only an alternate view. It is the only foundation where our faith must be rooted.

3. 野草的消滅 Destruction of Weeds

We talked about the distribution and the distinction of weeds. Thirdly, we will consider the destruction of weeds. Listen to a conversation between the servants and their master in verses 28-30 – 28 "... So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."" The landowner told servants not to pluck the weeds. Both plants are already well-established. Their roots may be intertwined together. Pulling the weeds will probably damage the wheat. At harvest, everything will be chopped down. It would be easier for the servants to separate the two crops. The useless ones would be burned and the useful ones would be stored up. Jesus makes it clear in verses 41-42 that the harvest refers a future judgment: 41 "The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, 42 and throw them into the

fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The angels will be the harvesters and Jesus will be the judge. Both evil things and evil-doers will be destroyed. A "fiery furnace" and "weeping and gnashing of teeth" are common scenes in Jesus' parables. They all depict the torment in hell. According to the Bible, hell will be the eternal destination for Satan and his followers. The place is dreadful not only because of a never-ending torture. It is also because people in there will forever be separated from God. There will not be a second chance. All other prophecies about Jesus had been fulfilled. Therefore, His second coming and future judgment will surely come true. However, evil will continue to exist for the time being. We will feel sad and mad when we and others suffer as a result. Many psalmists shared those emotions. For example, Psalm 73:3-5 writes: 3 For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek. 5 They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind. The author shouted to God: "It's not fair!" How can God allow bad people to prevail? They oppress the poor folks with power. They use illegal means to get wealthy. They escape justice from courts. They live a long life without any pain. Therefore, they are arrogant toward others, and they are ignorant of God. The psalmist even questioned why he had to maintain righteous if there is no justice in the world. He gained wisdom when he guieted himself before God. He understood that God was not helpless even when He seemed to be silent. He would make all things right in His time. The psalmist then writes in verses 18-19: 18 Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin. 19 How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors! God will not let sin go unpunished. When the psalmist grasped that, he changed from sorrow to joy, and from anger to praise. Our world today is no different. Sin is rampant. There are dictators on a global level and criminals on a local level. We get nervous when we go to certain places in town or when we leave home at night. The law and justice system is not flawless in protecting innocent people and penalizing law-breakers. Our hope should not be in this world. Ultimately, we need to look up to God. He is sovereign even when sin appears to be out of control. Nothing will catch Him by surprise. He will judge the world. The presence of weeds should make us more homesick of the eternal house God prepares for us. Meanwhile, we still have a lot of work to do. Believers are good seeds God sown into the world. We should bear good fruits that benefit others. We reflect God's character through our lives. Qualities like honesty, kindness and grace will attract people to God. The fragrance of the gospel is in stark contrast to the disgusting odor of evil. When people see the beauty of God's goodness, they will forsake the weeds of the world and embrace the Lord of truth.

結論 CONCLUSION

Evil will grow, but it will not last long. We need to patiently wait for God's harvest time. He is a miracle landlord. He can create the best outcome from the worst tragedy. Jesus suffered the most horrible penalty in the human history even though He was innocent. He did not die for righteous people, for there is none in the world. He sacrificed Himself for those who deserve eternal punishment. That include you and me. If God had pulled out all the weeds in the world, then we are all doomed. But He sent Jesus into the world to save us. We will receive a new nature by accepting Jesus into our hearts. He will transform us into a productive crop.

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引言 INTRODUCTION

擁有房子是美國夢的里程碑。房子是大多數人一生中購買的最昂貴的東西。但擁有 自己的物業也意味著要做很多事情。與住公寓不同,你不能打電話給經理並期望有 人來解決問題。要不然你要自己處理,要不然花錢請人來修理。在溫暖的季節,你 也要經常剪草。我第一次在大太陽下割草時,我差點暈倒。更糟的是,我還沒有剪 完,剪草機便故障了。於是,我把它拿回商店並尋求幫助。一個人看了機器的下 面,告訴我一團草屑卡在那裡,因此刀子轉不動。我相信我離開後他一定抱著肚子 大笑。之後有人告訴我草坪要施肥,也要防止野草蔓延。我認識有幾個人對這件事 情非常認真。我以前教會有一位弟兄認為,如果一袋肥料能讓他的草變綠,那麼就 越多越好。於是他倒了十袋肥料在他的院子裡。結果幾乎殺死了所有的草。我想基 於同樣的道理,吃太多維他命也會對身體有害。我的隔壁鄰居聽說一種除草劑非常 有效。於是他看到不像普通草的植物便拼命地噴。他後來才知道那種化學品能夠消 滅任何植物。還好兩家的草坪後來都長回來。這些年來,我累積了一些庭院工作的 經驗。任何人都討厭看到野草。那些植物很難看。他們可以在最困難的條件下成 長。它們比一般的草更早冒出來,也生長得特別快。如果沒有野草不是更好嗎?我 們可以節省許多時間和金錢。按照同樣的邏輯,如果世界上沒有罪,人們會更快 樂。邪惡就像野草,只會給我們帶來麻煩和損失。為什麼神允許邪惡存在甚至興 旺?耶穌用一個比喻來幫助我們明白其中的道理。這個故事的教訓是:邪惡會增 長,但不會持續很久。

解釋 EXPLANATION

1. 野草的散播 Distribution of Weeds

首先,讓我們思考一下野草的散播。那個農夫在田裡撒了好種子之後,敵人把壞種子撒在同一片地上。請再看 24-25 節: 24 ... 「天國好像人撒好種在田裡,25 及至人睡覺的時候,有仇敵來,將稗子撒在麥子裡就走了。」用今天的話來說,那個敵人在進行生物恐怖活動。他用野草來傷害地主。農夫必須花額外工夫把野草與農作物分開。如果最終收成減少,也會導致經濟損失。就像我們上週學習的四種土壤的比喻一樣,耶穌後來向門徒解釋這個比喻。祂在第 37 至 39 節說明故事中主要角色代表什麼。田地就是世界。農夫是人子,那是耶穌在福音書中常用的自稱。好的種子代表真信徒。敵人是魔鬼。野草是他的跟隨者。簡單來說,撒但將非信徒散播到基督徒的中間。到目前為此,一切都很清晰。這是耶穌所講其中一個天國的比喻。每個故事都說明了天國的某些方面。耶穌來是要在地上建立祂的國度。當祂去傳福音時,祂邀請人們進入祂的國。就算是今天,耶穌也為了同個一目的差派使者。當

主忙於動員祂的跟隨者之時,撒但也在努力散播他的野草。要使兩種植物能混在一 起,壞的植物必須看起來像好的植物。保羅在哥林多後書 11:13-14 說: 13 那等人 是假使徒,行事詭詐,裝作基督使徒的模樣。14 這也不足為怪,因為連撒但也裝 作光明的天使。撒但是臥底專家。他的假使徒看起來就像神的真使徒。錯誤的教導 看起來也像神的真理。如果人們分不清兩者,就會被誤導。我們可以用冒牌貨來思 考這個道理。有些人被欺騙而買了假貨。他們付了一大筆錢,以為買的是真貨。另 外有些人很清楚他們買的是仿造品。他們的目的是欺騙別人,使人們以為他們穿著 名牌衣服或用昂貴皮包。許多人出於類似的原因敬拜假神。有些人被欺騙了, 跟隨 別人拜偶像。另外有些人因為不想付代價跟隨耶穌而選擇假神。他們滿足於宗教的 感覺。也許是一份虛假的平安;一種錯誤的盼望,以為他們會有求必應;或者是一 種錯誤的安全感,以為離開世界後會去一個更好的地方。錯誤的宗教與真實的信仰 共存。讓我們搞清楚一點: 罪不是來自神。創造主其實造了一個完美的世界。祂創 造的一切都是好的。亞當和夏娃背叛神後,一切變得混亂。結果,罪進入了世界。 神給了那對夫婦一樣寶貴的東西: 就是服從或不服從祂的選擇。當他們能夠選擇不 聽神的話時,自由才是真實的。你說:神真的自找麻煩!所有父母在決定生孩子時 都面對同樣的風險。他們怎麼能確定自己的孩子長大後會成為正直的人呢? 沒有人 能預計!他們教導孩子做正確的事。但最終,年輕人必須在生活中自己做決定。只 有當孩子甘願選擇愛父母時,他們的愛才是真實的。同樣,神創造的是人,而不是 機器人。神也不想用懲罰來威脅我們被迫去愛祂。順從必須是帶著行動的刻意選 擇。世界上有邪惡是因為人們故意離棄神。撒但到處散播野草這個事實使福音工作 充滿挑戰性。我們要和人們作思想鬥爭,以贏得他們的靈魂。我們傳講好消息來對 抗假消息。但我們無法改變人。我們只是使者,耶穌才是主。唯有祂才能軟化人們 的心並使他們認罪。

2. 野草的區別 Distinction of Weeds

野草的散播是秘密進行的。在種子發芽之前,沒有人知道田裡有壞種子。接下來,我們來考慮野草的區別。有一些特徵使人們能區別野草。耶穌在第 26 節說:「到長苗吐穗的時候,稗子也顯出來。」漸漸地,幼苗就會結出穗子。到了那個階段,僕人們可以看見野草,因為它們看起來不同。讓我們來上一堂植物課,了解其背景。中文聖經將這種野草翻譯為稗子。它俗稱「毒麥」。它在種植小麥的同一地區生長。兩種植物的幼苗看起來很像。然而,小麥成熟時會變成棕色,而稗子成熟時會變成黑色。小麥的顆粒可以磨碎用來做麵包、麵條等。但是稗子是不能吃的,事實上它是有毒的,它會使人頭暈並嘔吐。不小心吃了大量的稗子甚至會致命。儘管有這些危險,非洲和亞洲的一些農民仍然種植稗子。他們在釀造啤酒時加一點點稗子,使人有飄飄然的感覺。野草在幼苗的階段看起來像小麥。不久之後,它就會露出真面目。這是「種瓜得瓜」的原則。耶穌在馬太福音 7:15-16 也用了同樣的類比: 15「你們要防備假先知。他們到你們這裡來,外面披著羊皮,裡面卻是殘暴的

狼。16 憑著他們的果子,就可以認出他們來。荊棘上豈能摘葡萄呢?蒺藜裡豈能 摘無花果呢? | 一棵樹只能結出同類的果子。因此蘋果樹上是找不到檸檬的! 耶穌 在這裡結束了登山寶訓。祂告訴聽眾,真正的跟隨者是那些聽了祂的話並照著去做 的人。撒但的使者可能偽裝成真正的信徒。但最終,他們的果子會揭露他們的身份 和目標。我們需要小心,以免吃到有毒的果子或是被狼吃掉。我們如何區別社會上 的野草?很多人說他們相信神。我們可以透過他們的果子來驗證這個說法。有一些 關鍵的原則是我們不能妥協的。第一:他們對神的兒子有何看法?有些宗教說耶 穌是受造之物、天使或是從人變為神。根據聖經,耶穌是獨一真神。祂由聖靈懷 孕, 並藉著童女降生到世上。當耶穌在世上時, 祂既是完全的神又是完全的人。有 人說耶穌的死是捨己的愛的模範。 聖經說耶穌為人類的罪而死, 但祂三天後復活 了, 證明祂是神。第二: 他們對神的話語有何看法? 聖經只是一本由人寫的、道 德教育的書嗎?還是真的是聖靈所默示傳達真理的作品呢?它是錯誤百出,還是內 容完美? 它是我們可以參考的各種資料之一, 還是我們必須遵循的絕對權威? 第 三:他們對神的工作有何看法?神創造了我們之後就讓我們自生自滅嗎?或是神 積極參與在人類歷史並完成祂的計劃? 我們來到這個世界是偶然的嗎? 或是神在我 們每個人的生命中都有獨特的目的? 耶穌為什麼要拯救我們? 只是為了使我們快 樂、健康、富有,還是為了祂的榮耀?人離開這個世界後會發生什麼事?他們就從 此消失嗎?還是根據他們做了多少善事再投胎成為其他動物?或是會有一個最終的 審判來決定人們是上天堂還是下地獄?了解自己到底相信什麼是個重要的問題。 「我媽媽告訴我的」或「社交媒體上如此說」之類的答案都不一定可靠。我們需要 問那些人從哪裡建立他們的信仰。人們的觀點可能會不斷改變。新的想法經常出 現。但神的真理始終不變。縱觀歷史,許多學者懷疑聖經的準確性。他們都失敗 了。神的話語不只是另一種觀點, 乃是我們信仰的唯一基礎。

3. 野草的消滅 Destruction of Weeds

我們討論了野草的散播和野草的區別。第三,我們來看看野草的消滅。請聽第 28-30 節中僕人和主人之間的對話: 28「僕人說:『你要我們去薅出來嗎?』 29 主人說:『不必,恐怕薅稗子,連麥子也拔出來。30 容這兩樣一齊長,等著收割。當收割的時候,我要對收割的人說,先將稗子薅出來,捆成捆,留著燒;惟有麥子要收在倉裡。』」主人吩咐僕人不要拔野草。兩批植物都已經長成,他們的根可能纏在一起。拔除野草可能會損壞小麥。到收割時,所有植物都會被砍下來,僕人便更容易分開兩種植物。無用的就燒掉,有用的就收藏起來。耶穌在 41 至 42 節中明確表示,收割是指將來的審判: 41 「人子要差遣使者,把一切叫人跌倒的和作惡的,從他國裡挑出來,42 丟在火爐裡;在那裡必要哀哭切齒了。」天使是收割的人,耶穌是審判者。惡事和作惡的人都會被消滅。「火爐」和「哀哭切齒」是耶穌比喻中常見的場景。它們都形容地獄的刑罰。根據聖經,地獄是撒但和他的跟隨者永恆的歸宿。那個地方之所以可怕,不只是因為持續的折磨,也是因為那裡的人將永遠

與神隔絕。不會再有第二次的機會。關於耶穌的大部份預言都已經應驗。所以,祂 的再來和將來的審判也一定會實現。然而, 邪惡會暫時繼續存在。當我們和其他人 因此受苦時,我們會感到難過和憤怒。許多詩篇作者也有同感。例如,詩篇 73:3-5 說: 3 我見惡人和狂傲人享平安就心懷不平。4 他們死的時候沒有疼痛: 他們的力 氣卻也壯實。5 他們不像別人受苦,也不像別人遭災。作者向神呼喊不公平!神怎 麼會允許壞人得逞呢? 他們用權力壓迫窮人。他們用非法手段謀利。他們逃避法庭 的審判。他們長命百歲,沒有經歷什麼痛苦。因此,他們對人驕傲,對神也無知。 詩人甚至懷疑,如果世界上沒有公義,為什麼他還要保持正直。當他安靜在神面前 時,他就得到智慧。他明白,雖然神看似沉默,祂並非無助。祂會在祂的時間裡糾 正一切。作者在 18-19 節寫道: 18 你實在把他們安在滑地, 使他們掉在沉淪之 中。19 他們轉眼之間成了何等的荒涼! 他們被驚恐滅盡了。神不會讓罪惡逍遙法 外。當詩人明白這一點時,他就從悲傷變成喜樂,從憤怒變成讚美。我們今天的世 界也是一樣。罪惡泛濫。一些國家被獨裁者統治,到處也有罪犯。當我們去城裡的 某些地方或晚上出門時,我們會感到緊張。司法制度無法完全保護無辜的人並懲罰 犯法的人。我們的盼望不是在這個世界。最終,我們必須仰望神。縱然罪看來像失 控,神仍然掌權。沒有什麼事情會讓祂感到驚訝的。祂要審判世界。野草的存在應 該讓我們更想念神為我們預備的永恆住處。但同時,我們還有許多事情要完成。信 徒是神撒在世上的好種子。我們應該結善果,造福他人。我們在日常生活中反映神 的品格。誠實、仁慈和恩典等素質會吸引人轉向神。福音的香氣與邪惡的臭味形成 鮮明的對比。當人們看到神的美善時,他們會丟棄世界的野草,擁抱真理的主。

結論 CONCLUSION

邪惡會增長,但不會持續很久。我們需要耐心等候神收割的時候。祂是個神奇的園主。祂可以從最糟糕的悲劇中創造出最好的結果。雖然耶穌是無辜的,但祂卻遭受了人類歷史上最可怕的懲罰。祂不是為義人而死,因為世界上沒有那樣的人。祂是為那些應該受到永恆懲罰的人犧牲自己。其中包括你和我。如果神拔掉世界上所有的野草,那麼我們都注定要滅亡。但祂差遣耶穌到世上來拯救我們。透過接受耶穌進入我們的內心,我們將獲得新的性情。祂會把我們轉變成豐收的莊稼。