Encouragement When Frustrated with “Weeds”  
Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43

PROPOSITION: Jesus reminds us that major opposition and obstacles will frustrate our spiritual efforts & expectations, but every true believer will be safely gathered into heaven and life truly will become good.

I. Excited expectations: better days ahead

A. High expectations  
   Matt 13:24

B. Motivated to put in lots of sacrifice & effort  
   “sowed good seed”

C. Jesus Christ is working in the world now  
   Matt 13:37

D. Growing fruitful disciples  
   Matt 13:38

II. Deep discouragement: we work hard & don’t skimp but major hindrances arise

A. Enemies secretly trying to ruin  
   Matt 13:25; Eph 6:12

B. Major disappointment & frustration un-expectantly arises (darnel)  
   Matt 13:26-28 (Matt 7:16)

C. The devil is working to destroy  
   Matt 13:39; Jn 10:10

D. Works through those who look similar/good  
   Matt 13:38

III. Bright days will come and last!

A. Forcing outward godliness early will actually hurt the godly  
   Matt 13:29-30

B. God has a time & means for separation  
   Matt 13:39-42 (2 Thes 1:7-10)

C. God will bring ALL the good wheat into the barn  
   Matt 13:30

D. The future will brighten and last  
   Matt 13:43 (Dan 12:3)

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