"God hath thrust in the sickle, and He is separating the tares from the wheat. This hour is molten in the furnace of Soul. Its harvest song is world-wide, world-known, world-great. The vine is bringing forth its fruit; the beams of right have healing in their light. The windows of heaven are sending forth their rays of reality — even Christian Science, pouring out blessing for cursing, and rehearsing: "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground." "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

from Miscellany, by Mary Baker Eddy, page 269:17

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## ****Topic:**** The Wheat and the Tares

### ****Moderator:**** Mike from NY

### Bible Readings: Matthew 13

### ****Questions:****

1. What was the importance of wheat to the people of Jesus' time?
2. What are tares?
3. Who slept and why was that an issue? (Matt. 13:25)
4. Why did the servants question what seeds were sown? (13:27)
5. Why wait until harvest time to separate the tares from the wheat?
6. What does this and the other parables of Matt. 13 teach us about the 'Kingdom of Heaven?