

1. *Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.  
He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;  
The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;  
The enemy that sowed them is the devil. (Matthew 13:36-39).*

In the Parable of the Soils, the seed signified the Word of God (v. 19).

However, in the Parable of the Tares, the seed signifies people.

The seed of Christ are called 'good.' They are the true children of the Kingdom of God, born of His Spirit.

The Devil has his seed also. They are the spiritual children of the wicked one, the enemy of the King and His Kingdom.

This dichotomy was first proclaimed in Gen. 3:15.

We now discover the enmity between the two seeds is centered within the professing Christian Church, the Kingdom of God on earth.

Furthermore, by identifying Satan's seed as 'tares' our Lord signifies the difficulty many will have in discerning the wheat from the tares, due to several superficial similarities.

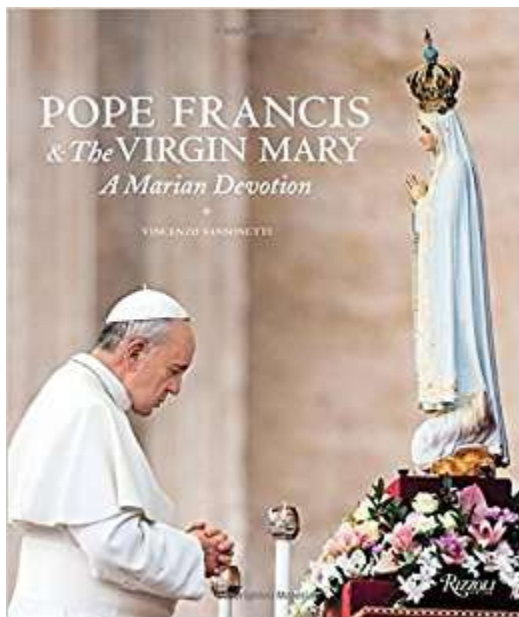
Because it is Satan's goal to destroy as many men possible, in addition to tempting Christians to do evil or believe lies, it is

imperative Christians stay on high alert always (1 Peter 5:8).

It is a sad reality that evil workers will continue to be part of Christ's professing Kingdom until Christ's Second Advent (Matt. 13:40-42).

Below is an example of an evil worker working unrighteousness.

Is it not amazing that many professing Christian 'leaders' consider this man our brother in Christ, who deserves honor and admiration?



**NEXT:** The Parables of the Mustard Seed and Leaven