

HE KNOWS WHO'S WHO



Weed Amongst the Grain (detail) By Mark Hewitt

It's favorite Christian pastime:

separating the wheat from the weeds.

He smokes like a fiend, and he thinks he's saved!

She hasn't been to a real church in years. And she claims she's saved!

He says he's saved---and belongs to the Hells Angels?

Impossible!

Seems like everybody thinks they're saved these days.

We have to be on the lookout for religious phonies.

It's time for a little weeding in this Christian garden.

We seem to have no trouble figuring out who's who.

The *wheat* are folks like us.

The **weeds** are those weirdos.

"Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. 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.'" (Matthew 13)

Go ahead and nail the false prophets.

But Jesus never told us to separate the wheat from the weeds.

He says we're not up to the job.

Pulling the weeds belongs to God alone.

And God will do it at the appointed time.

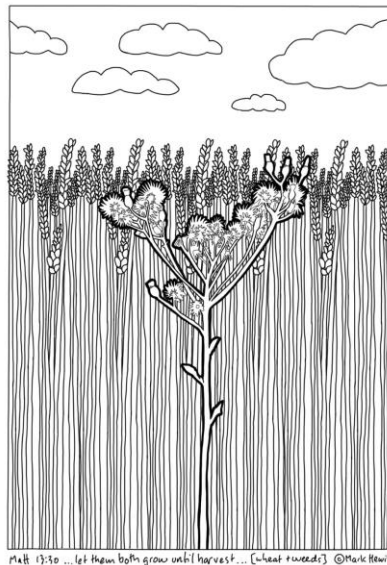
Many people we regard as *weeds* are actually *wheat*.

Many people we admire as *wheat* are actually *weeds*.

So why waste time messing with God's garden?

His angels will do the weeding at the appointed time.

**If we are *wheat*, better we should get on with being *wheat*,
and leave the *weeds* to God.**



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Prayer: Lord help us to leave the weeding to you and to keep our hands out of where they don't belong... so we don't do more damage than good. And yes, help us get on with being the wheat you call us to be.

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