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THE GROWTH AND HARVEST OF THE APPEARANCE OF THE KINGDOM (I)

HYMN: 829

The appearance of the kingdom is mainly revealed in Matthew 13 in three parables: the parable of the tares, the parable of the mustard herb becoming a great tree, and the parable of the leaven. These parables cover three very negative things.

- The tares signify those persons claim to be a Christian and yet do not believe that the Bible is inspired by God word by word, that the Lord Jesus is the Son of God, even God Himself, and that the Lord Jesus died on the cross for our redemption. The Lord Jesus will send His angels to bind the tares into bundles and to throw all of them into the lake of fire.

- The small mustard herb changed its form, its nature, and its condition to become a great tree in which the birds of heaven could lodge. The great tree signifies the church increased greatly in both numbers and popularity by the marriage with the Roman Empire since A.D. 313. Many unbelievers were baptized into Christianity, causing Christianity to become a great tree full of false ones. The birds signify the evil one, the devil who comes to snatch away the word of life from people.

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Hymn 829 The Church's seed is nought but Christ Himself

1

The Church's seed is nought but Christ Himself
Sown into human hearts as life, thereby
Growing as wheat, producing flour fine
For bread both God and man to satisfy.

2

But Satan hath the false believers sown
Among the saints as tares among the wheat,
To bring confusion and to hinder growth
That they may not fulfill God's plan complete.

3

The Church's life just as the herb must be,
Grown out of Christ, who is the mustard seed;
Hidden and transient, little on the earth,
But good for food the hungry ones to feed.

4

But Satan came and made the little herb
To change its nature and to change its form,
That fully grown it did a tree become
Where many evil ones may lodge and swarm.

5

Satan has also used the fallen "church"
Evil and heathen practice to include,
As leaven mingled with the meal of wheat,
Thus to corrupt its purity as food.

6

But Christ as life would so transform the saints
That they may be as pearl and precious stone,
As the materials suitable to build
Into His Church to make His Kingdom known.

7

Such an assembly grown in Christ as life,
Transformed and built with Christ in them annealed,
Is as the goodly pearl for preciousness
And as the treasure hidden in the field.

8

Lord, separate us from the devil's "tares,"
Each one deliver from the monstrous "tree,"
From all the "leaven" may Thou purify,
That we may be as food to man and Thee.

9

Cause us to grow in life divine each day
That we may be transformed and built by Thee
Into a body to express Thyself,
That Thou in us Thy Church and Kingdom see.