

The image shows the spine of an old, thick book with many pages, bound in dark brown leather. The book is positioned on the left side of the frame, with its spine facing right. The pages are aged and yellowed, and the leather shows signs of wear and tear. The background is a dark, solid color, possibly black or dark brown, which makes the book and the text stand out.

Matthew's Messiah

*The life and ministry of Jesus
from Matthew's perspective*

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable:

The kingdom of heaven is like a man
who sowed good seed in his field.

²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping,
his enemy came and sowed weeds
among the wheat, and went away.

26 When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

27 The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?'

28 'An enemy did this,' he replied.
The servants asked him, 'Do you
want us to go and pull them up?'

29 'No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest.

At that time I will tell the harvesters:
First collect the weeds and tie them in
bundles to be burned; then gather the
wheat and bring it into my barn.'

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

- 37 He answered, The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.
- 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom.

The weeds are the people of the evil one,³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40 As the weeds are pulled up and
burned in the fire, so it will be
at the end of the age.

41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

42 They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then the righteous will shine like
the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

Whoever has ears, let them hear.