



KNOW YOUR
ENEMY

Matthew 13:24–30

“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ He said to them, ‘**An enemy has done this.**’



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The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”



Matthew 13:37–43

He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.



Matthew 13:37–43

Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.





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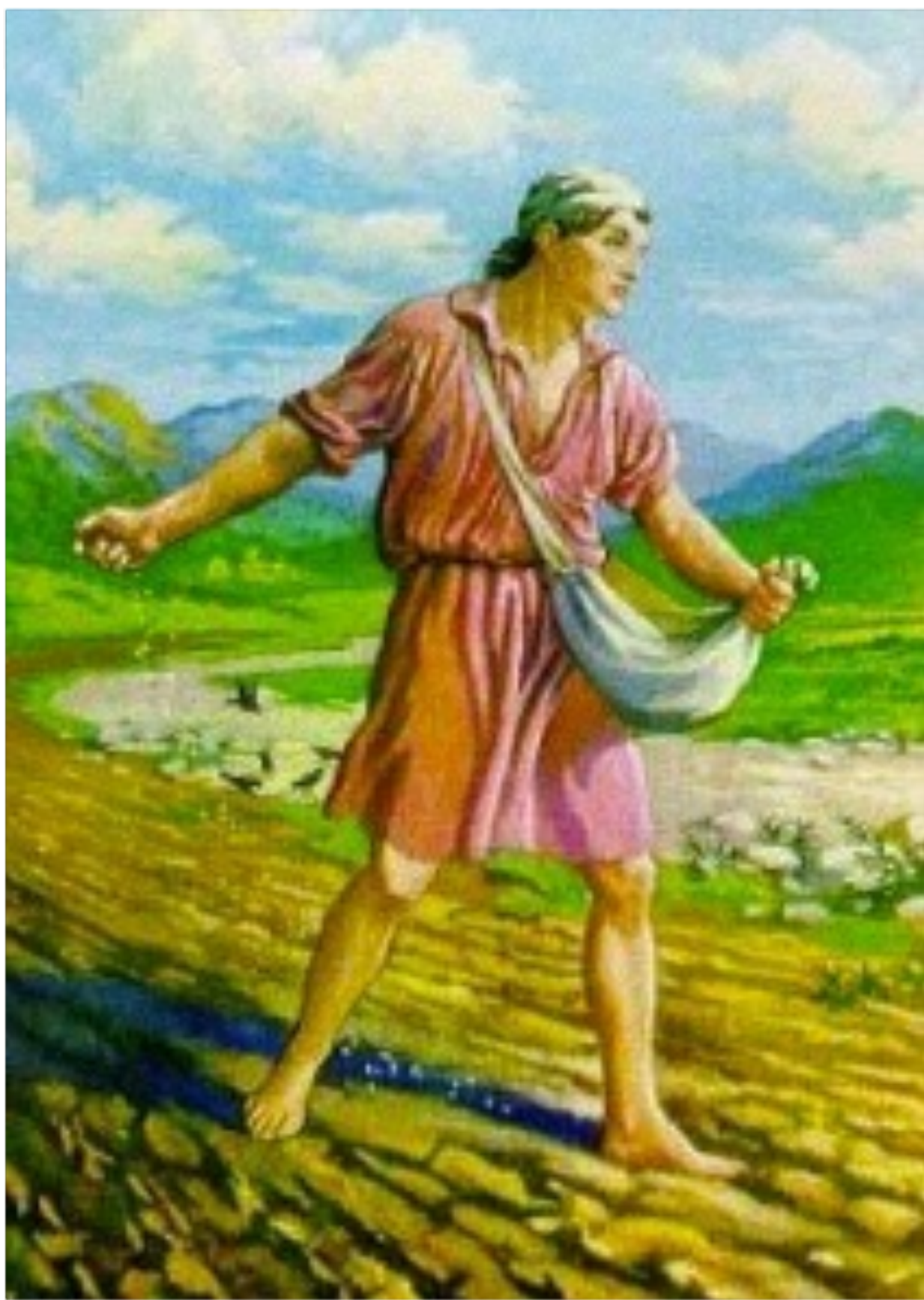
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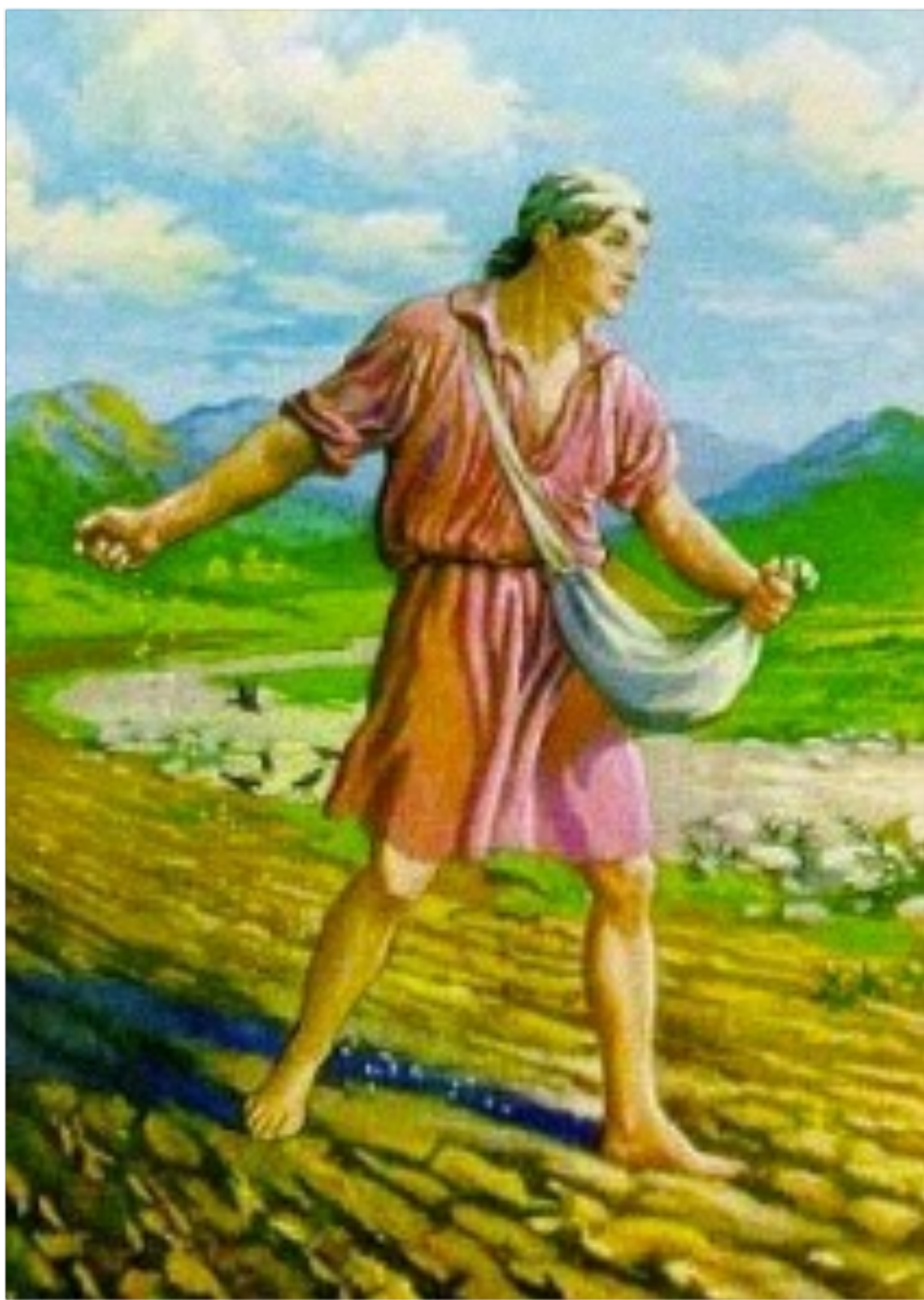
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Isaiah 14:12–14

How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.”



Ezekiel 28:12–19

You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty... You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; you were on the holy mountain of God; you walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones. **You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, till iniquity was found in you.**



Ezekiel 28:12–19

By the abundance of your trading you became filled with violence within, and you sinned. Therefore I cast you as a profane thing out of the mountain of God; I destroyed you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the fiery stones.



Lucifer was a **PERFECT** being who **CHOSE** to rebel.



Revelation 12:7–9

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was place found for them in heaven any longer. **So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.**



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opinions or principles of another”
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The war in heaven was not a word of
WEAPONS, but a war of **WORDS**.



Why did God merely cast Lucifer out of Heaven instead of completely blotting Lucifer out of existence?



Ezekiel 28:17–19

I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, **that they might gaze at you...** I turned you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all who saw you. **All who knew you** among the peoples are astonished at you; you have become a horror, and shall be no more forever.



Isaiah 14:15–17

You shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit. **Those who see you will gaze at you and consider you**, saying: ‘Is this the man who made the earth tremble, who shook kingdoms?’”



Lucifer was cast out of heaven so others
could **GAZE** at him and **CONSIDER** him.



Genesis 1:27, 28

God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”



Genesis 3:1–6

Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’”



Genesis 3:1–6



So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”



Romans 6:16

Do you not know that to whom you present yourself slaves to obey, **you are that one's slaves whom you obey**, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?



Luke 4:5, 6

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give you You, and their glory; **for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.**”



God did not **CREATE** the devil; God is not **RESPONSIBLE** for the existence of evil.



Once sin began it had to **MATURE** so every created being in God's universe could **SEE** the difference between good and evil.



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When the war of good and evil is finally over,
REBELLION against God will never happen again.



TOMORROW



**LUCIFER'S
LEMONADE STAND**