

Wheat And Weeds



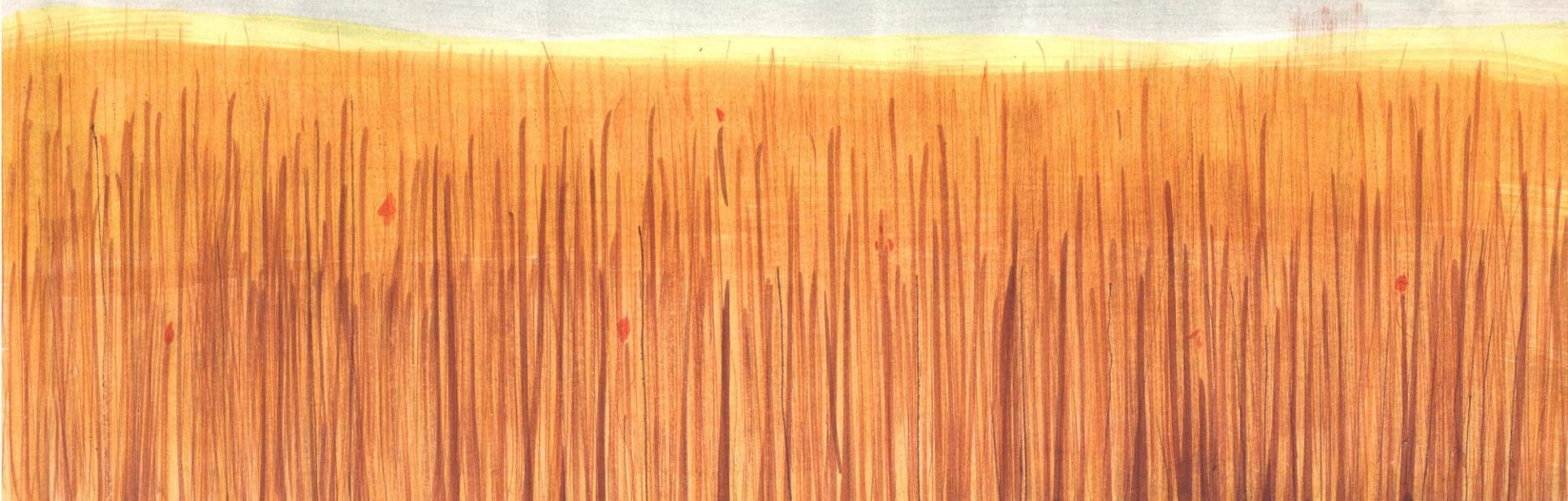
“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares also among the wheat, and went away. But when the wheat sprang up and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. And the slaves of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ And he said to them, ‘An enemy has done this!’ And the slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us, then, to gather them up?’ But he said, ‘No; lest while you are gathering up the tares, you may root up the wheat with them. Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First, gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn””

Matthew 13:24-30

Many Questions

- Why does God allow evil to flourish in the midst of good? Remember that it was never God's intention for us to sin (Genesis 2:16-17, Romans 3:23, 5:12).
- God may have many reasons why He allows the tares to grow up with the wheat. It could be out of concern for the saved, or it could be for the benefit of the unrepentant.
- Either way, isolation from the world was never God's intention for His people (1 Corinthians 5:9-10).

**There is another
sower**



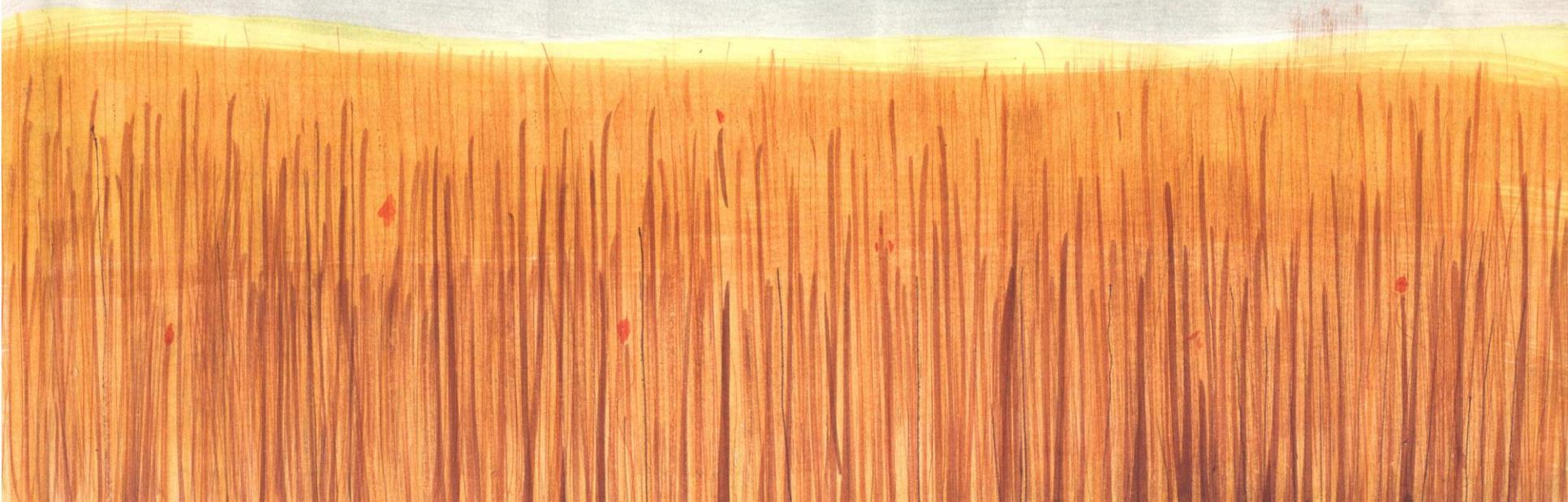
Growing Together...

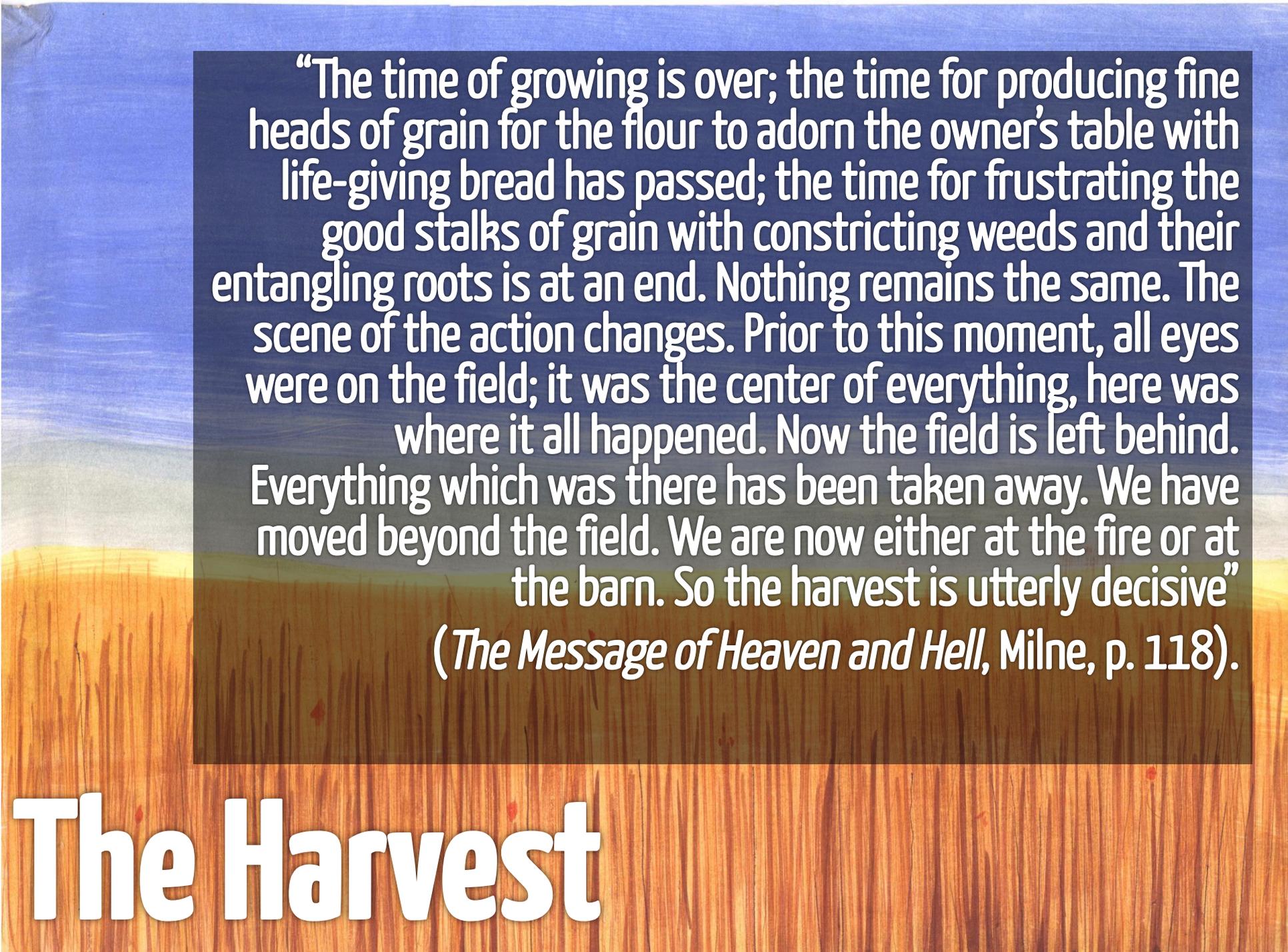
The concurrent growth of the wheat and tares summarizes the whole human story. Good and bad people have always existed together on this planet, and always will until God decides to end this world.

It Is God's Call

- Matthew 13:28-29 shows that the landowner gets to make the final call, similar to the story found in Luke 9:51-56.
- This is a great reminder that mankind will never have the power to eliminate evil from the world, contrary to what the secular humanist will argue.
- We should not despair when we discover just how much the tares have entangled themselves in the wheat.

**It doesn't get
better with time**





“The time of growing is over; the time for producing fine heads of grain for the flour to adorn the owner’s table with life-giving bread has passed; the time for frustrating the good stalks of grain with constricting weeds and their entangling roots is at an end. Nothing remains the same. The scene of the action changes. Prior to this moment, all eyes were on the field; it was the center of everything, here was where it all happened. Now the field is left behind. Everything which was there has been taken away. We have moved beyond the field. We are now either at the fire or at the barn. So the harvest is utterly decisive”
(The Message of Heaven and Hell, Milne, p. 118).

The Harvest