



Ballarat Central Uniting Church

Pentecost 8

Sunday 19th July 2026

**“Blessed to
Shine/Prosper!”**



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**Blessed to
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Reflect on your blessings!



God created to Shine/Prosper!



In the Bible, "blessed" signifies being favored, approved, and spiritually enriched by God, reflecting a state of well-being, joy, and divine favor rather than mere material prosperity.

Copilot

Was it animals, trees, humans?

“God saw all that He had made, and it was very good.”

Genesis 1:31

What spoilt God's creation?

PSALM 139

I praise you,

*for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.*

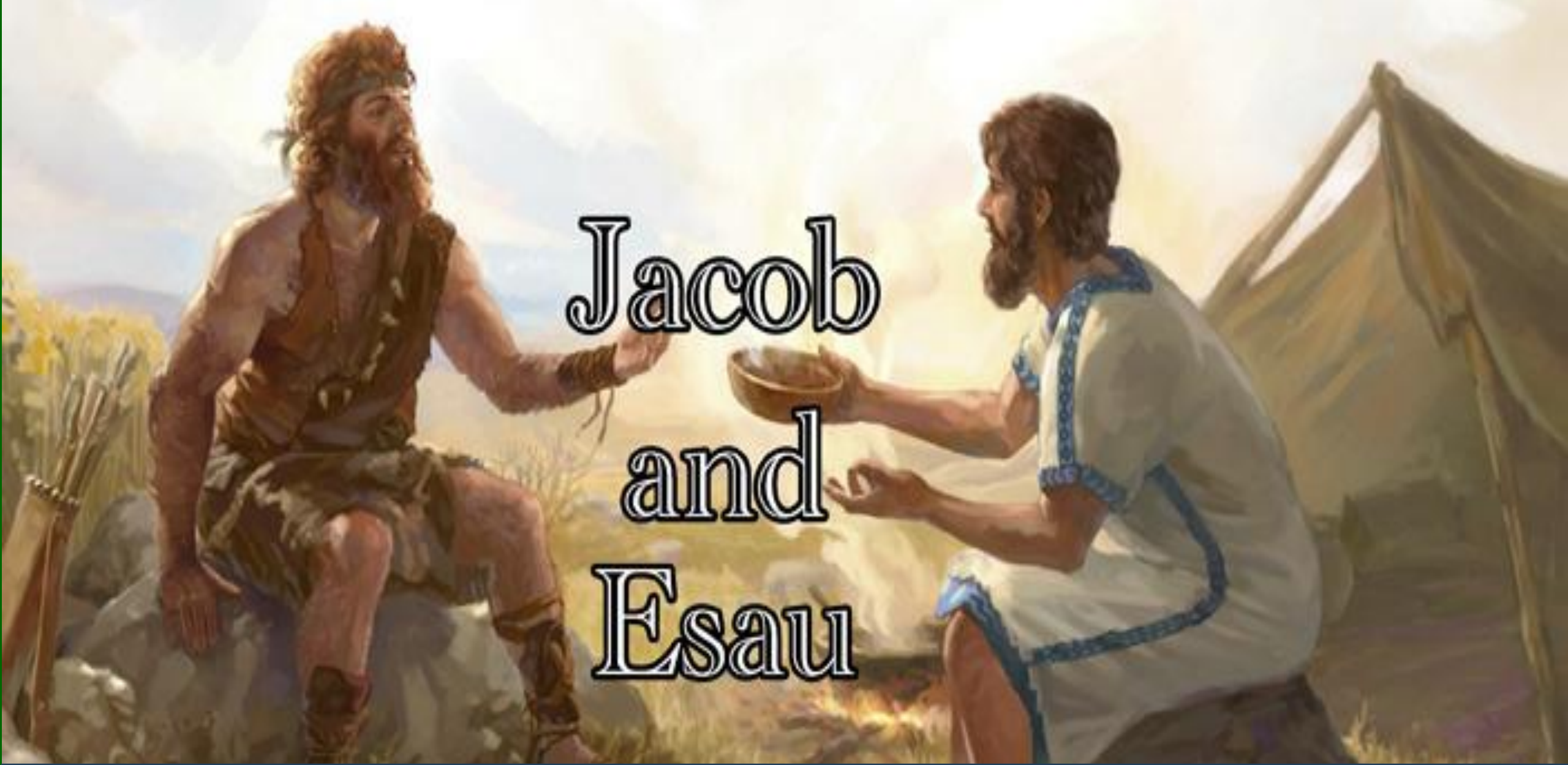
Wonderful are
your works;
my soul knows
it very well.

-Psalm 139:14



O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.

We are blessed by God!



Jacob and Esau

God Re-creates/stores/forms!

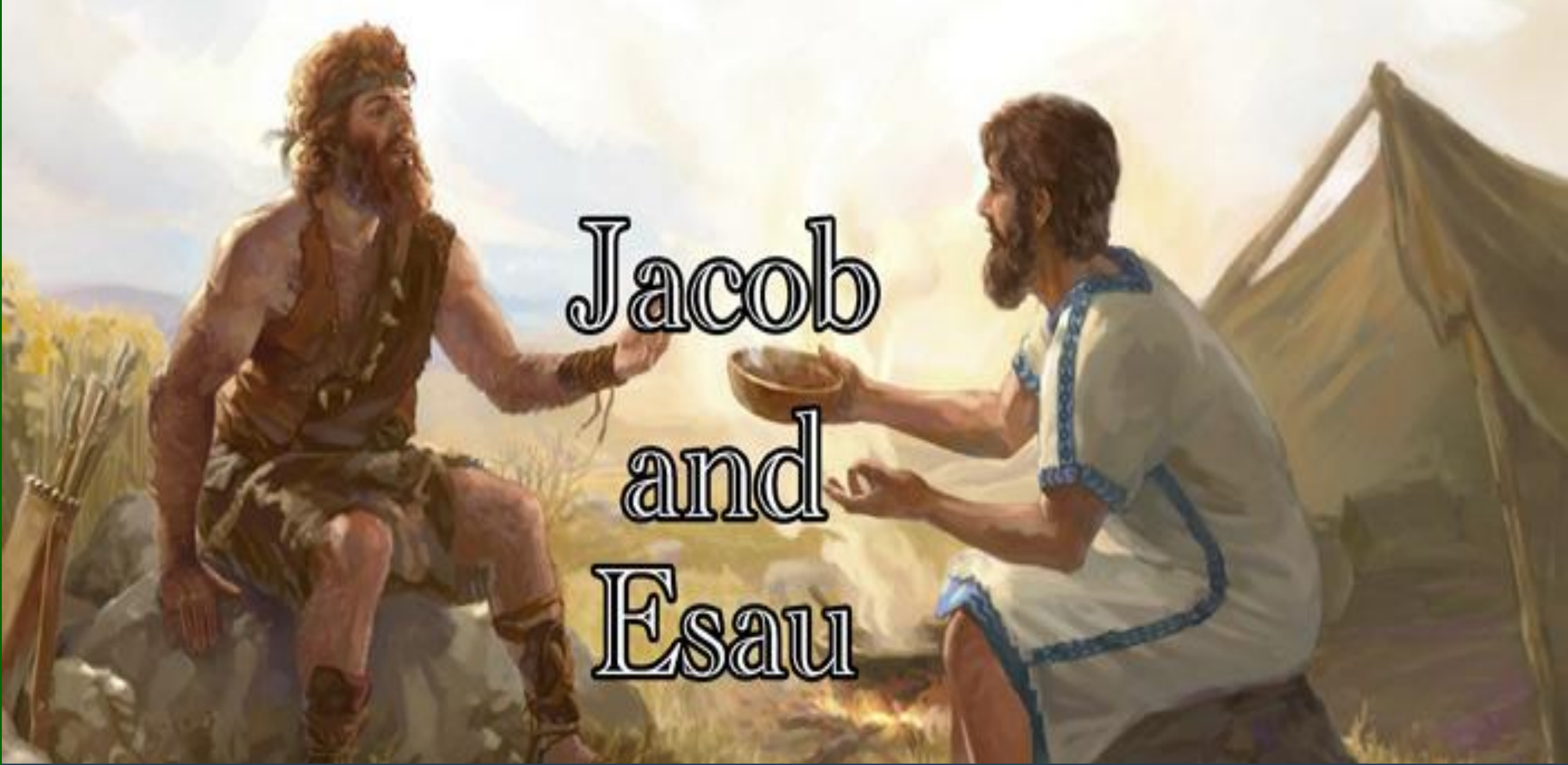


GENESIS 28 - BLESSED

¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south,

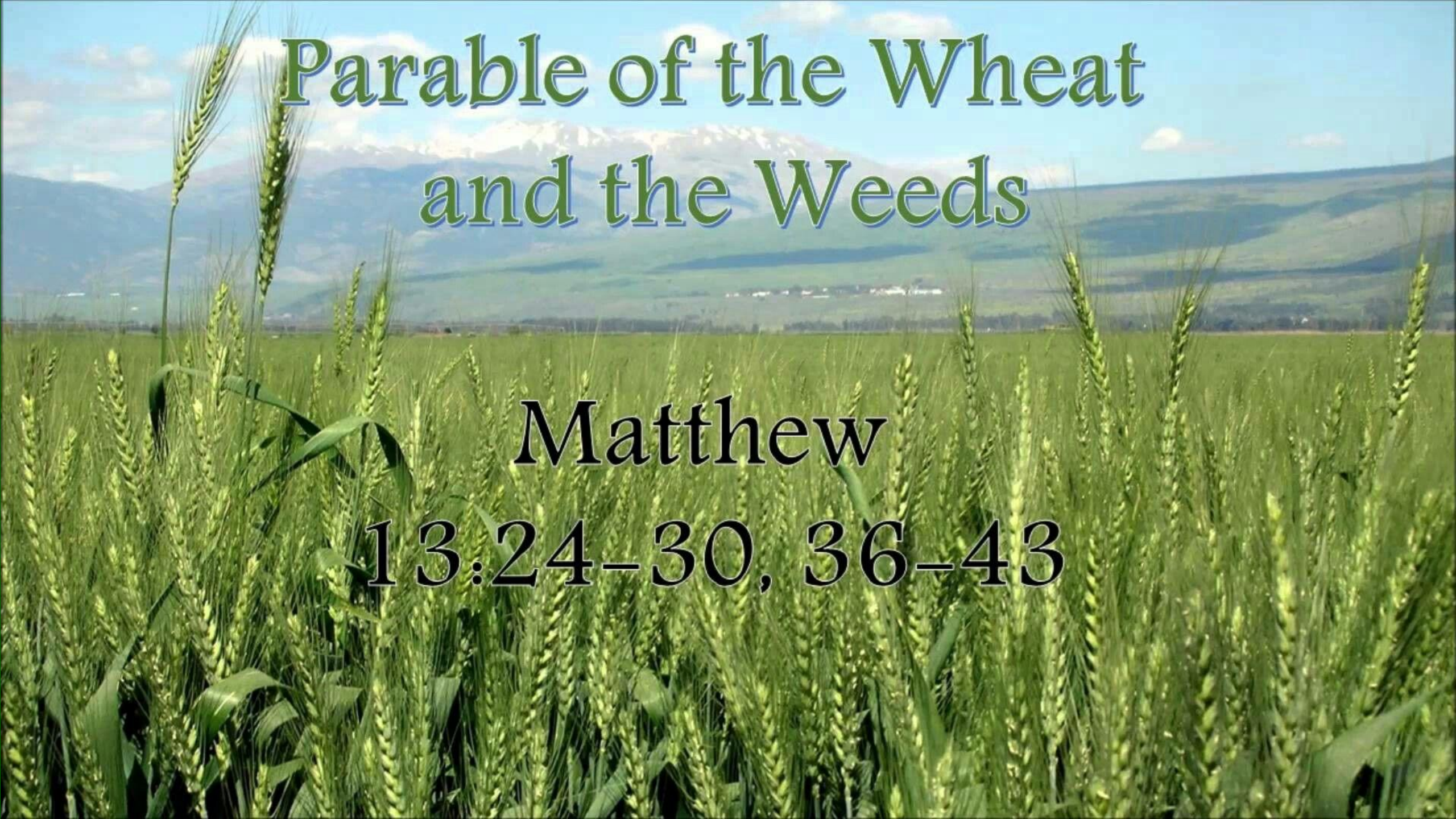
**and all the families of the earth shall be
blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know
that I am with you and will keep you wherever
you go and will bring you back to this land, for I
will not leave you until I have done what I have
promised you.”**

**¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said,
“Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not
know it!”**



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Parable of the Wheat and the Weeds

Matthew
13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus Explains the Parable

³⁷ He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸ the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels.

⁴⁰ Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴² and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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

Let anyone with ears listen!

Blessed to Shine/Prosper!



Shine/Prosper with Others ...

Blessed
to be a
Blessing

May BCUC be blessings to Others!