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# What does not happen in agriculture

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*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." He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 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, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels." As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. 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. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear. (Matthew 13: 36-43)*

The children of God are those who love Jesus and wish to obey His teachings, thus becoming similar to God. On the contrary, devils and sinners, pursuing their will, do not respect the image of God found within them. In so doing, they do not reach the end for which they were created, while definitively renouncing their resemblance to God. Jesus does not allow the "Grim Reaper" to intervene before the Last Judgment, since he is well aware that (unlike what happens in agriculture where weeds remain forever weeds) before death wicked persons can always convert if they want to. Let us pray that many sinners will return to righteous ways and that we may also consider ourselves as sinners.