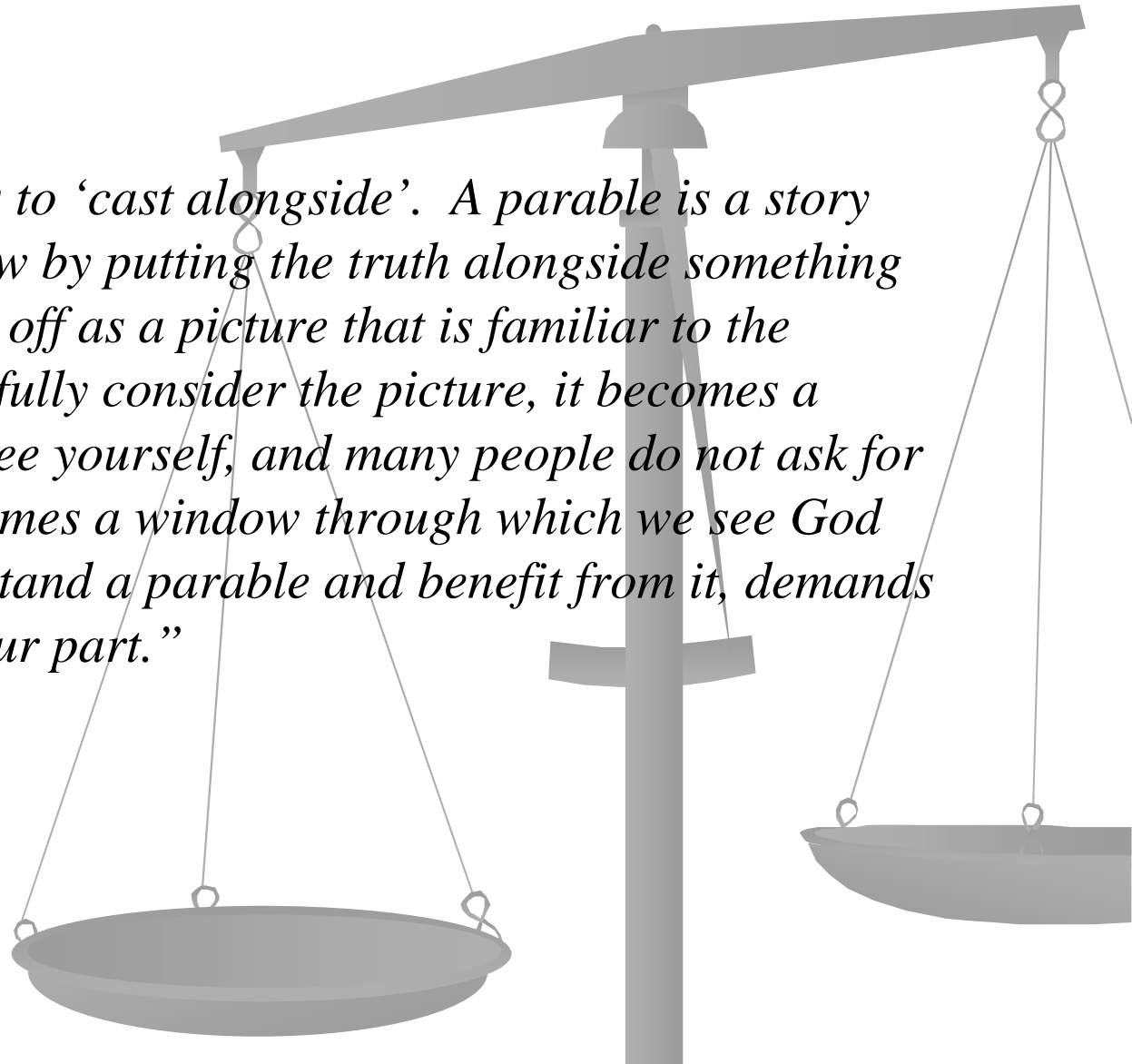


# It's Like ....

## Parables -

*“The word parable means to ‘cast alongside’. A parable is a story that teaches something new by putting the truth alongside something familiar. A parable starts off as a picture that is familiar to the listeners. But as you carefully consider the picture, it becomes a mirror in which you can see yourself, and many people do not ask for help, then the mirror becomes a window through which we see God and His grace. To understand a parable and benefit from it, demands honesty and humility on our part.”*

Warren Wiersbe

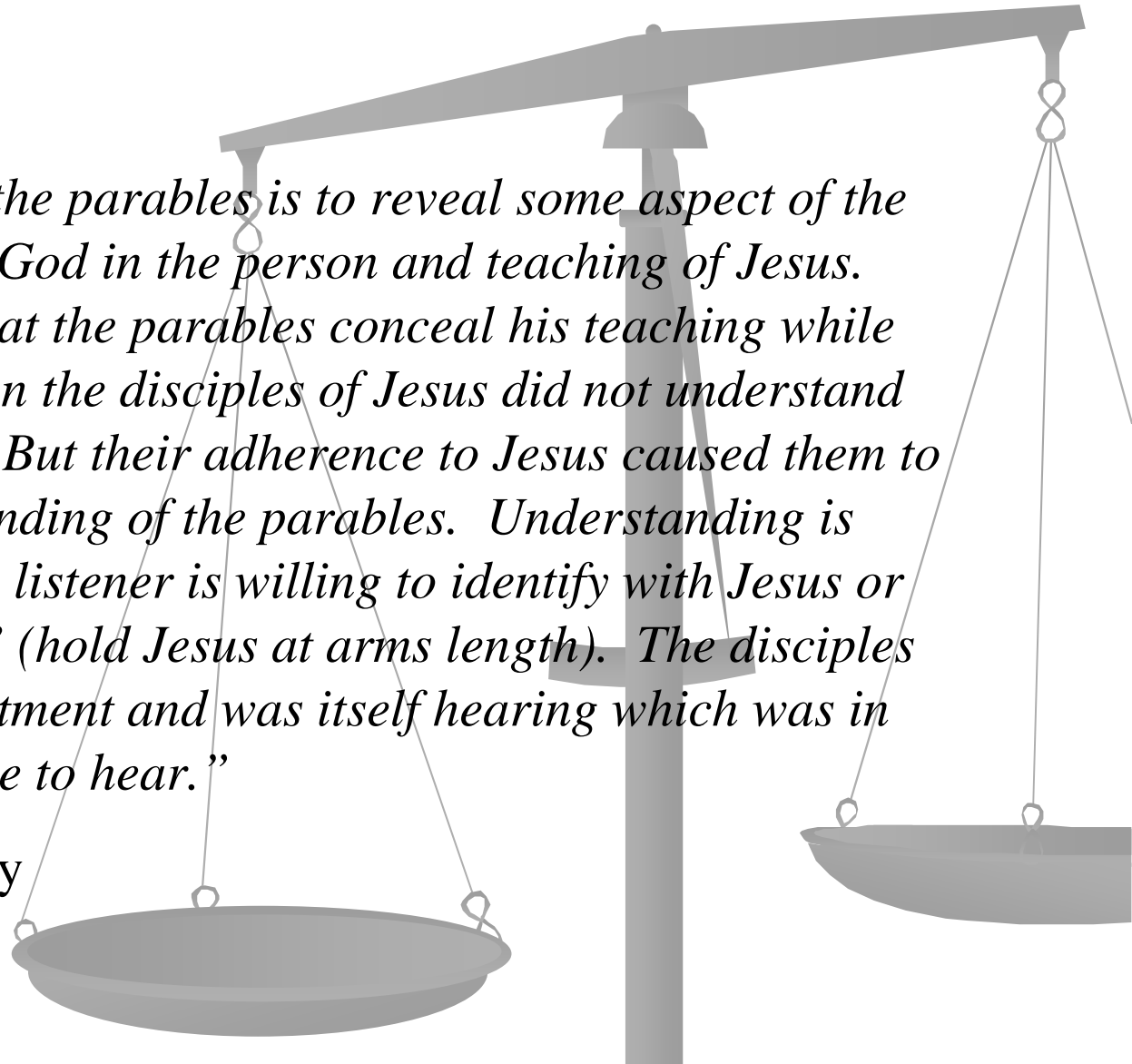


# It's Like ....

## Parables -

*“The primary purpose of the parables is to reveal some aspect of the coming of the kingdom of God in the person and teaching of Jesus. But Jesus also intended that the parables conceal his teaching while being a vehicle for it. Even the disciples of Jesus did not understand the parables without fail. But their adherence to Jesus caused them to seek and receive understanding of the parables. Understanding is made subject to whether a listener is willing to identify with Jesus or wishes to remain ‘outside’ (hold Jesus at arms length). The disciples inquiry arose from commitment and was itself hearing which was in contrast with others failure to hear.”*

Eerdmans Bible Dictionary



# It's Like ....

## Parables , What do We Know?

1. They used everyday objects, events and images to communicate important truth.

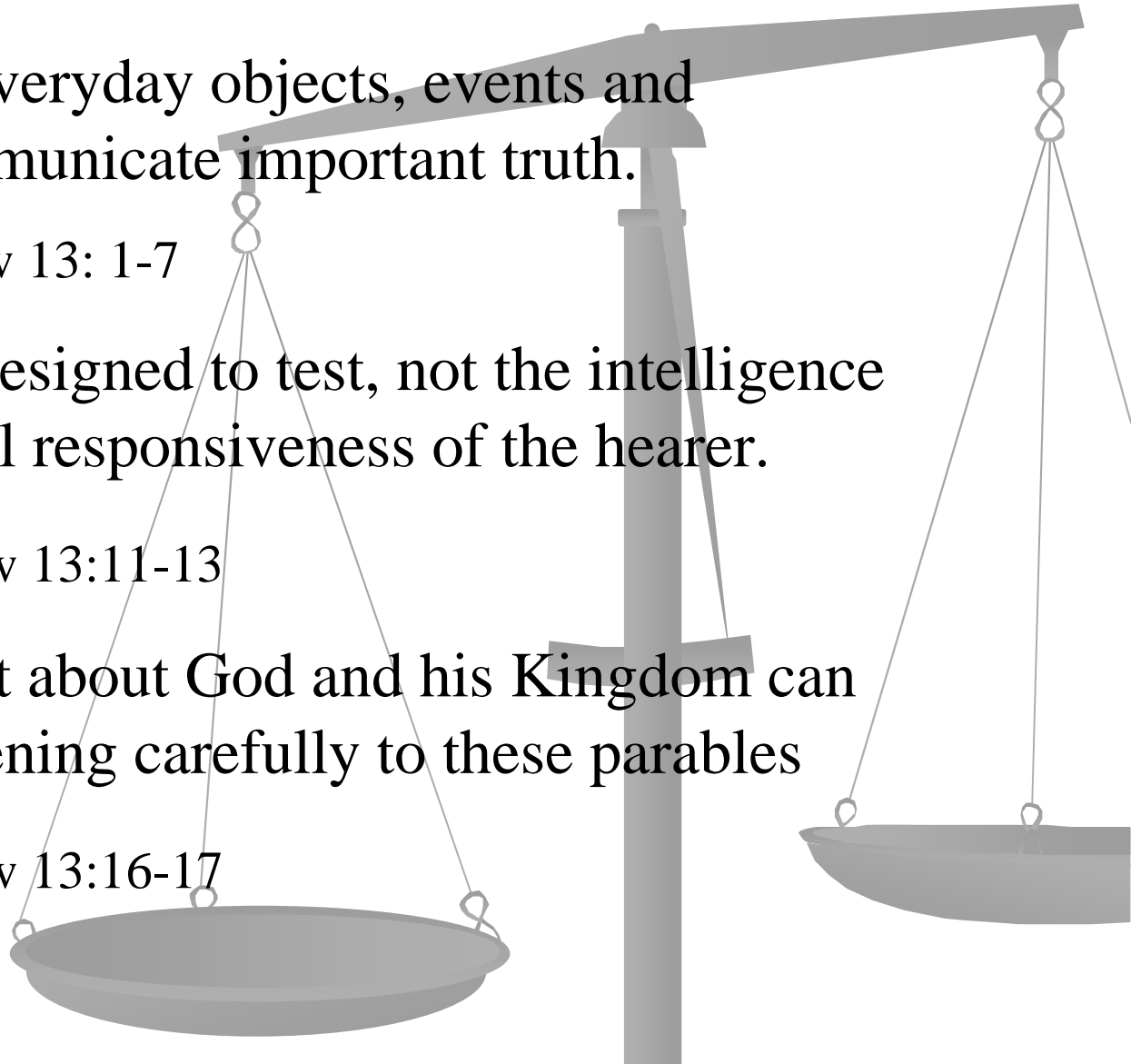
-Matthew 13: 1-7

2. They were designed to test, not the intelligence but the spiritual responsiveness of the hearer.

-Matthew 13:11-13

3. Great insight about God and his Kingdom can be ours by listening carefully to these parables

-Matthew 13:16-17



# It's Like ....God's To Judge

Parable of The Weeds - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

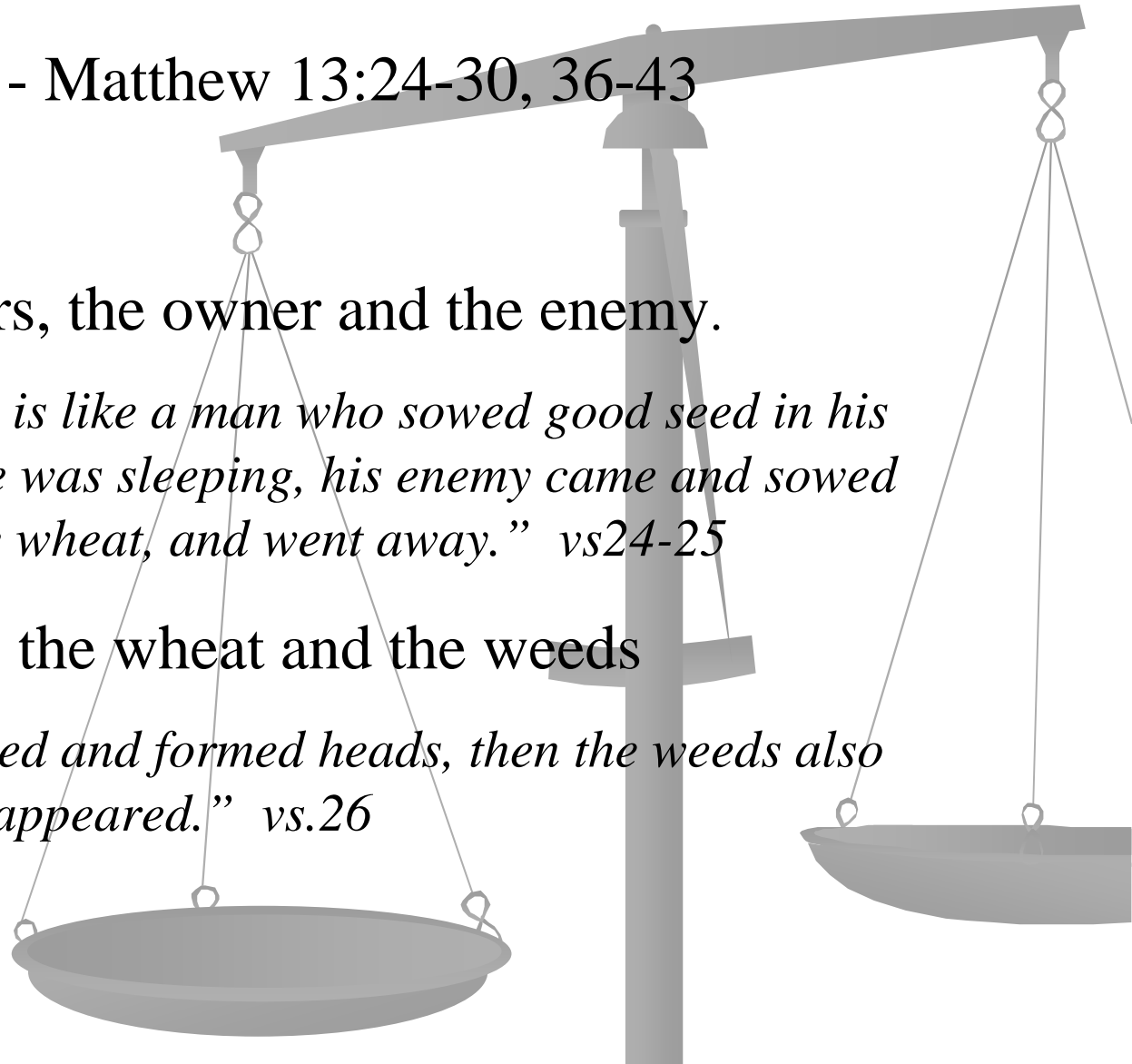
## Basic Observations

- There are two planters, the owner and the enemy.

*“The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away.” vs24-25*

- There are two plants, the wheat and the weeds

*“When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.” vs.26*



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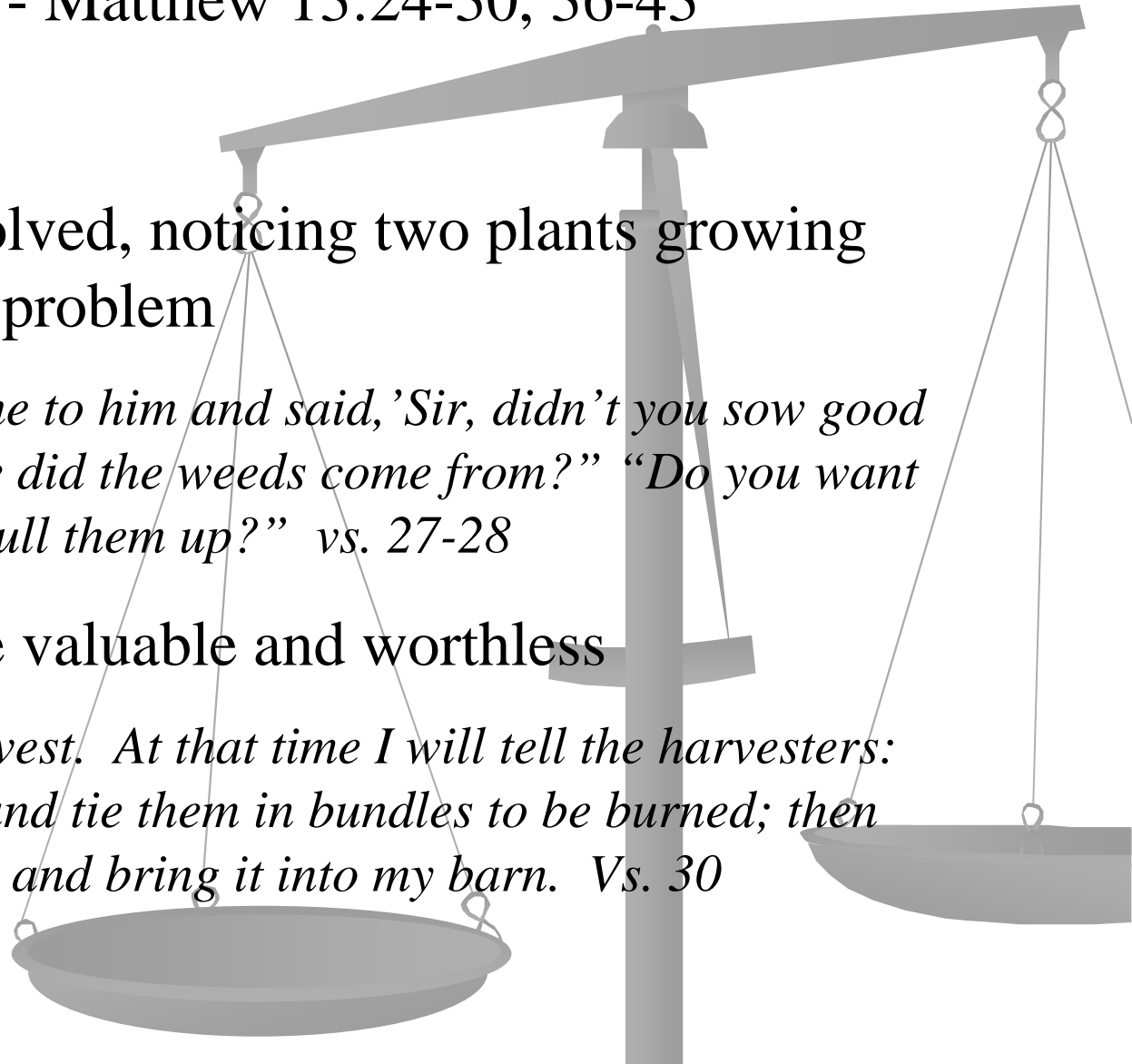
## Basic Observations

- There are others involved, noticing two plants growing and wanting to fix the problem

*“The owners servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?’ “Do you want us to pull them up?” vs. 27-28*

- Harvest separates the valuable and worthless

*“Let both grow until 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. Vs. 30*



# It's Like ....God's To Judge

Parable of The Weeds - Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Parable Explained

Two Planters - Son of Man and the Devil

Two Plants - Son's of the Kingdom, Son's of the evil one

Those Involved - Angels who notice the difference

Harvest - The separation of everything that causes sin and all who do evil from the righteous.

Outcome - Weeping and gnashing of teeth or being with the Father in heaven



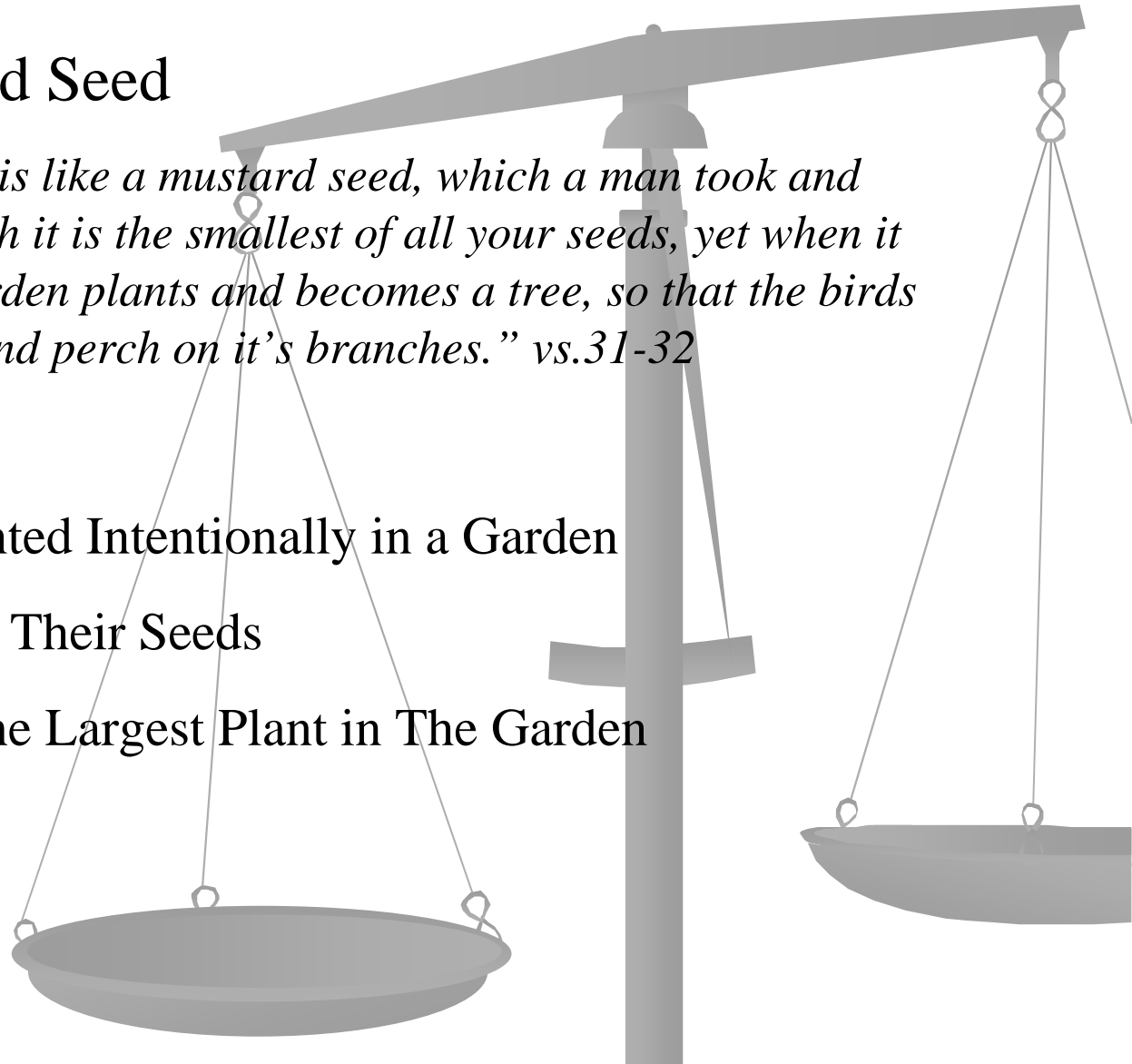
# It's Like ....God's To Grow

## Parable of The Mustard Seed

*“The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Through it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch on it’s branches.” vs.31-32*

### Basic Observation

- The Seed Is Planted Intentionally in a Garden
- The Smallest Of Their Seeds
- Grows To Be The Largest Plant in The Garden



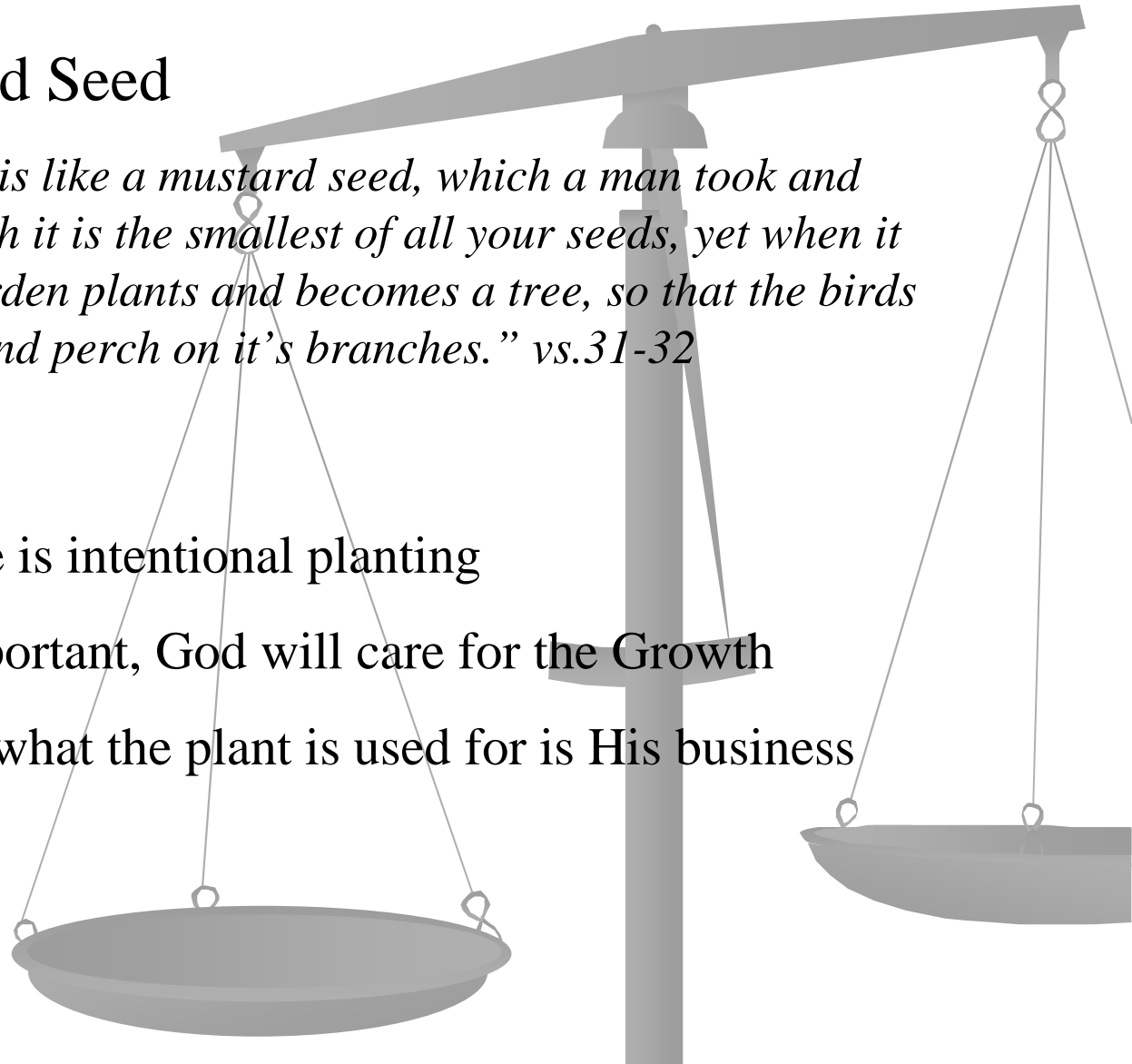
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## Simple Truth

- In God's Kingdom there is intentional planting
- Size of the Seed not important, God will care for the Growth
- When God is involved, what the plant is used for is His business





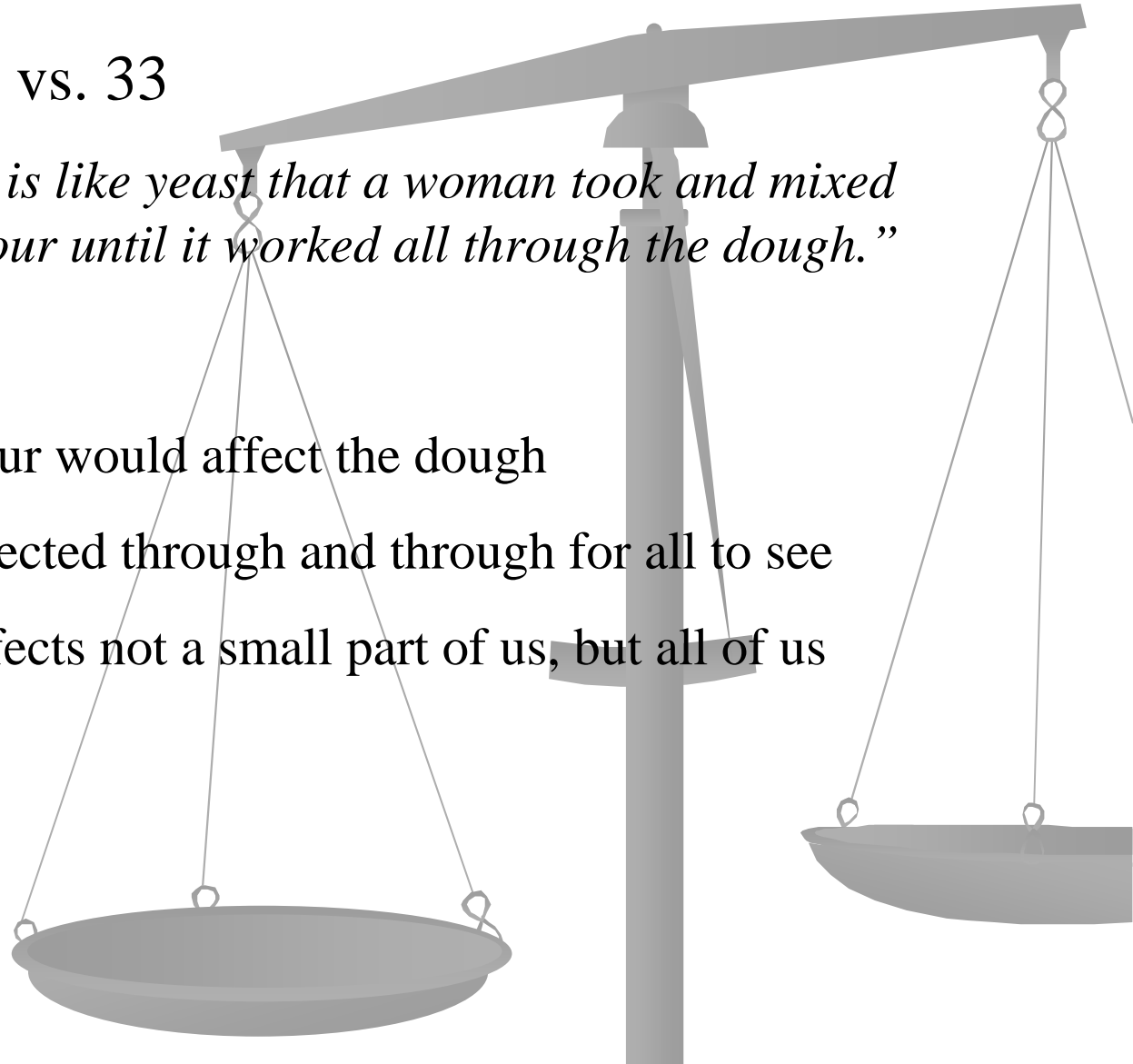
# It's Like ....God's To Change

## Parable of The Yeast - vs. 33

*“The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough.”*

### Simple Truth

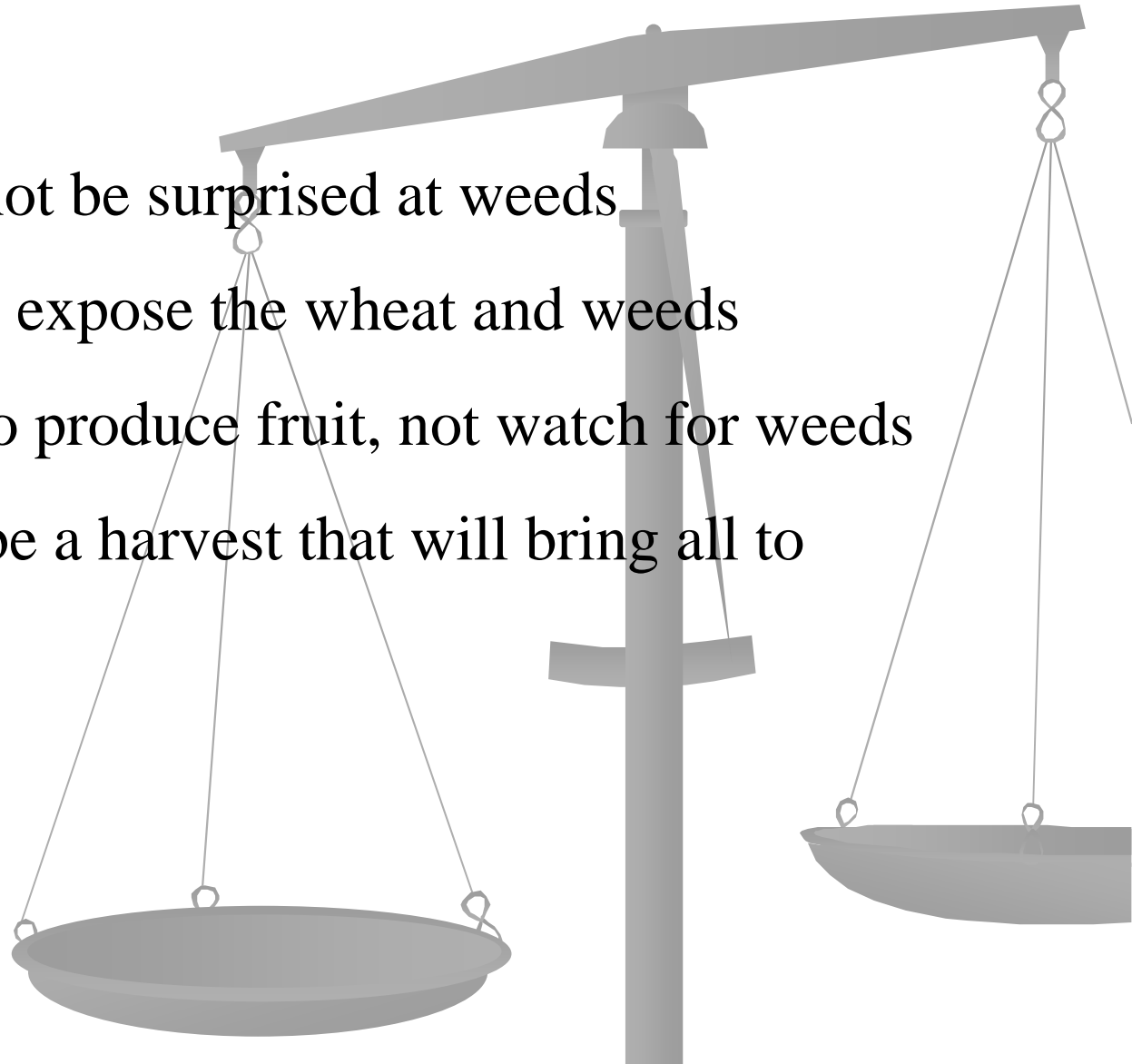
- Yeast mixed into the flour would affect the dough
- The dough would be affected through and through for all to see
- The kingdom of God affects not a small part of us, but all of us



# It's Like .... So What

## God's To Judge

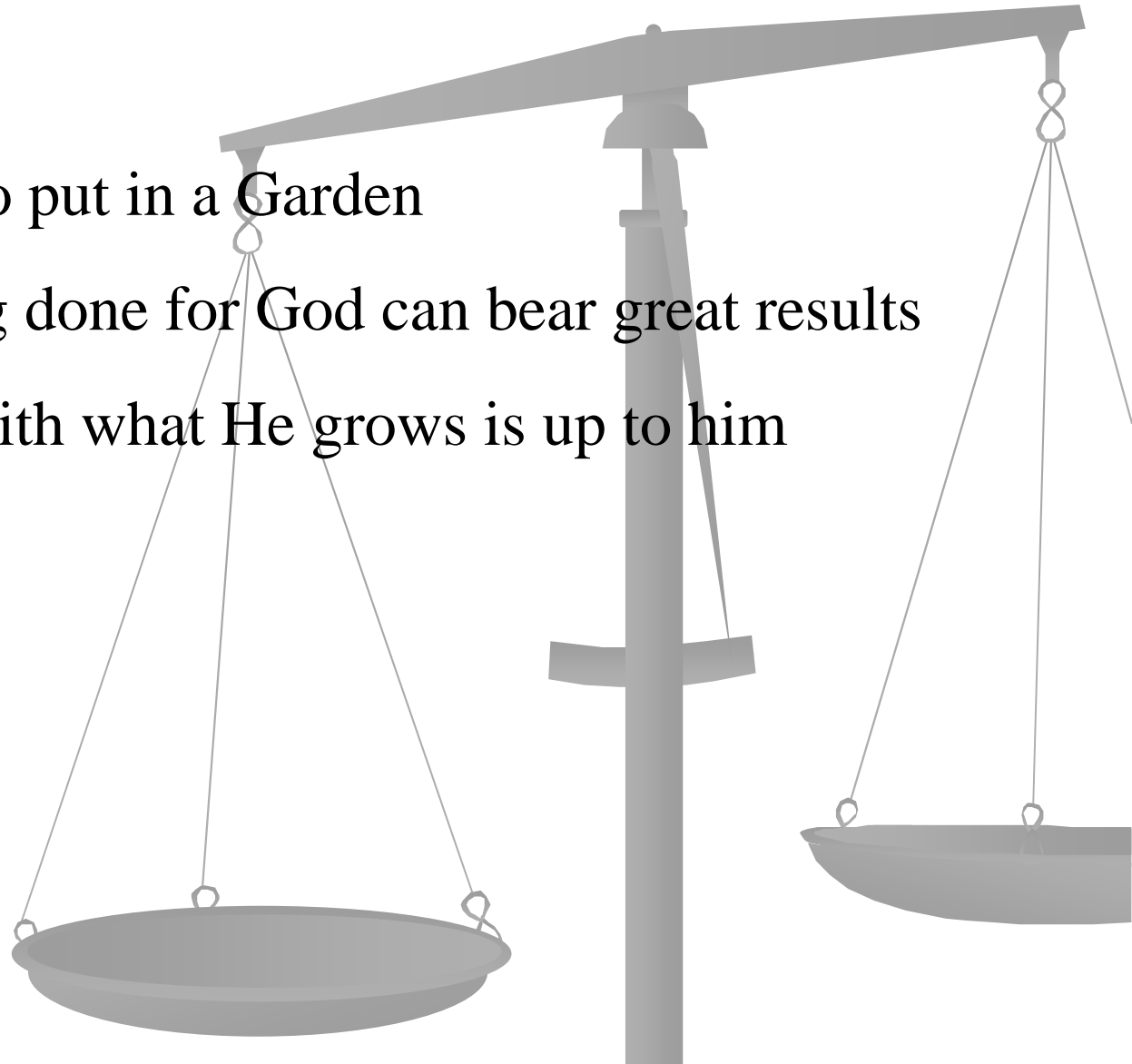
1. We should not be surprised at weeds
2. Results will expose the wheat and weeds
3. Our job is to produce fruit, not watch for weeds
4. There will be a harvest that will bring all to account



# It's Like .... So What

## God's to Grow

1. We are expected to put in a Garden
2. The smallest thing done for God can bear great results
3. What God does with what He grows is up to him



# It's Like .... So What

## God's To Change

1. Being part of the Kingdom of God will affect all of you
2. It will be a visible change that makes us different
3. It is a work done in us that cannot be faked or duplicated by actions



# It's Like .... So What

**God's To Judge**  
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