

“the sheep from the goats”

Mathew 25:31-46

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Matthew 25:31-33

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.

32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

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Daniel 7:13-14

13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.

14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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Matthew 25:34-40

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,

36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ **37** “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?’

39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

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Who are the “least of these brothers and sisters of mine?”

- **All needy people**
- **All Christians**
- **Christian missionaries**
- **Jewish Christians**
- **Tribulation martyrs**

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Galatians 6:10

**Therefore, as we have
opportunity, let us do good
to all people, especially to
those who belong to the
family of believers.**

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Matthew 25:41-45

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **42** For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ **45**

“He will reply, ‘ I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

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Matthew 25:46

“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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Daniel 12:1-2

1 “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people — everyone whose name is found written in the book — will be delivered

2 Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.

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Revelation 20:11-15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books..

13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done.

14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

15 Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

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“The wicked are forever subject to the fury and wrath of God.

They consciously suffer shame and contempt and the assaults of an accusing conscience-along with the fiery wrath of an offended deity-for all of eternity.

Even hell will acknowledge the perfect justice of God; those who are there will know that their punishment is just and they alone are to blame.”

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Applications

- **There is a final judgment**
- **Good works do not provide salvation, good works are proof of salvation**
- **Works are an overflow of salvation**

Final Thoughts

“Humble ministry to the lowliest demonstrates Jesus’ own humility in leaving the glories of heaven to bring salvation’s story to the weak and downtrodden, the tax collector and sinner, the sick and dying... a heart that has been truly transformed by the righteousness of the kingdom of God will serve out of humility.”

Michael J. Wilkins

Final Thoughts

James 2:14-17

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **15** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.

16 If one of you says to them,
“Go in peace; keep warm and
well fed,” but does nothing
about their physical needs, what
good is it? **17** In the same way,
faith by itself, if it is not
accompanied by action, is dead.

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Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Final Thoughts

Matthew 7:20

**Thus, by their fruit you will
recognize them.**