

The Final Judgment and The Response of the Righteous

Matthew 25:31-46

Big Idea:

Until Jesus Returns To Establish the Justice of God, We Show our Love for Him by Loving our Neighbor More Than We Love Ourselves.

1.) Every Pair of Eyes Will Witness It.

- A.) Not some secondary thing.
- B.) Not a myth or folklore.
- C.) Not rarely mentioned by Christ Jesus.

2.) Jesus Will Return To Establish the Justice of God.

- A.) God will be the Judge, Humanity will be the judged.
- B.) Jesus, the Son of Man, will separate us into sheep and goats.

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And He will place the sheep on this right, but the goats on His left. (Matthew 25:31-33)

- C.) God's people will be vindicated.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" (Matthew 25:34)

- D.) Those who did not trust in the Lord will be cursed.

"Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matthew 25:41)

3.) We Will Be Judged According to our Lives Here on Earth.

A.) Not everyone who considers themselves a Christian will go to heaven.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness. (Matthew 7:21-23)

"I am concerned for the poor but more for you. I know not what Christ will say to you in the great day. I fear there are many hearing me who may know well that they are not Christians because they do not love to give. To give largely and liberally, not grudgingly at all, requires a new heart; an old heart would rather part with its life-blood than its money. Oh, my friends! Enjoy your money; make the most of it; give none away; enjoy it quickly for I can tell you, you will be beggars throughout eternity." --Robert Murray M'Cheyne

B.) Lukewarm people don't really want to be saved from their sin; they want to be saved from the penalty of their sin.

"I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:15-16)

4.) It Isn't About What our Mouth Says, It Is About What our Life Says.

A.) If we believe the Gospel, we must be actively and sacrificially engaged in the mission.

"This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us." (1 John 3:23)

"It isn't the fear of judgment that saves you; it is knowing Jesus that saves you." – Dustin Bengé.

B.) To bear witness to this truth, we must be humbled by this truth.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9)