

## Which Side Do You Belong? Right Or Left? – Matthew 25:31-46

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### **Introduction**

1. Are you on the right side of Jesus? Are you prepared to show Jesus on the judgment day your deeds done in righteousness?
2. In Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus makes it crystal clear the picture of what it will be like at His final coming and of the lives of those He considers worthy to enter the kingdom. It is not measured by how much we know but how we applied the will of God...

#### **I. When The Son Of Man Comes (v31-33)**

- a. The Separation
  - i. The coming of Jesus will be like... lightning (Mt 24:27), like the days of Noah (Mt 24:37-39) therefore be on alert (Mt 24:42) and ready (Mt 24:44)!
  - ii. When Jesus comes He will separate us like a shepherd would with sheep and goats in a herd.

#### **II. To The Right The King Will Say (v34-41)**

- a. You Who Are Blessed By My Father
  - i. The invitation is to come inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the beginning of the world! What a joy to finally receive the wonderful inheritances and promises of the Father (Romans 8:17-18; 1 Peter 1:3-5; Revelation 21:7)
- b. What Did The Righteous Do? (v35-36)
  - i. They meet the needs of the family of Jesus and in doing so directly did so to Jesus.
  - ii. The needs were simple and things that anyone can do.
- c. Why Were They Surprised?
  - i. Because they didn't remember doing these things to Jesus directly. They did these good deeds not for reward or praise but from a heart of love.

#### **III. To The Left The King Will Say (v41-46)**

- a. To The Cursed
  - i. Jesus calls them cursed and to depart from Him to eternal fire that was prepared for the devil and his angels. It is the opposite of heaven (Revelation 20:10, 14-15).
  - ii. For they neglected the needs of the saints and therefore Jesus Himself.
- b. They Were Surprised Too
  - i. The unrighteous were just as surprised as the righteous. They didn't remember Jesus being in need.
  - ii. They were therefore unprepared and got lazy for the return of Jesus.
- c. The Judgment Scene (v46)
  - i. Jesus closes with a summary of the judgment day. Only two groups of people are pictured. The unrighteous and the righteous. Those destined for hell and those destined for heaven.
  - ii. Which side do you belong? The right or the left? Don't wait until it's too late to find out!