



THE SHEEP & THE GOATS
“The Final Judgment of Nations”
Matthew 25:31-46

B. The _____ of Judgment (vv. 42-45)

1. A _____ to minister (v. 42)
2. A _____ life (v. 43)
3. A _____ blindness (vv. 44-45)

IV. THE JUDGMENT IS FOR *ETERNITY* (v. 46)

Matthew 25:31-46 “³¹ When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: ³² And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: ³³ And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: ³⁵ For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: ³⁶ Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. ³⁷ Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? ³⁸ When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? ³⁹ Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? ⁴⁰ And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. ⁴¹ Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: ⁴² For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: ⁴³ I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. ⁴⁴ Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? ⁴⁵ Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. ⁴⁶ And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”

INTRODUCTION

A person must guard against confusing the judgment of a nation's works with the judgment of individuals (sheep & goats). Judging nations is really judging individuals within them. Christ was painting a picture of the final judgment of all men. The final judgment will include all nations of men; it shall be the judgment of the whole world.

THE PASSAGE COULD BE OUTLINED AS FOLLOWS:

- I. THE SON OF MAN IS COMING TO JUDGE (vv. 31-33)
- II. THE JUDGMENT OF SHEEP WILL OCCUR (vv. 34-40)
- III. THE JUDGMENT OF GOATS WILL OCCUR (vv. 41-45)
- IV. THE JUDGMENT IS FOR ETERNITY (v. 46)

I. THE SON OF MAN (JESUS) IS COMING TO JUDGE (vv. 31-33)

- A. Coming in _____ (v. 31a)
- B. Coming with _____ (v. 31b)
- C. Coming to be _____ (v. 31c)
- D. Coming to _____ all nations (v. 32a)
- E. Coming to _____ the nations, both **sheep** and **goats** (v. 32b, c)
 - 1. Sheep—_____ seat (v. 33a)
 - 2. Goats—_____ seat (v. 33b)

II. THE JUDGMENT OF *SHEEP* WILL OCCUR

(vv. 34-40)

- A. The **JUDGE**: The _____ (Jesus) (v. 34a)
- B. The **INVITATION**: _____ (v. 34b)
- C. The **REWARD**: _____ (v. 34c)
- D. The **BASIS** of Judgment: _____ to Christ (vv. 35-36)
- E. The **MINISTRY** _____ (vv. 37-40)

Verses 37-39:

- 1. A _____ ministry
- 2. An _____ ministry
- 3. No thought of _____
- 4. Only _____ people in need
- 5. A ministry to the Lord's _____ (v. 40)

III. THE JUDGMENT OF *GOATS* WILL OCCUR

(vv. 41-45)

- A. The _____ (v. 41)
 - 1. Cut off from _____ (v. 41b)
(*Depart from me*) *ye cursed*
 - 2. Everlasting _____ (v. 41c)