

# Exposed Hearts on Judgment Day

Text: Matthew 25:31-46

## 1. Jesus Christ Separates All Nations

- The certainty of the Son of Man's glory (vs 31)
  - a. Our real reward awaits for Christ's glorious return
  - b. No earthly reward can compare to our final reward
  - c. Even now our hearts seek after eternity
- The Shepherd King who separates the nations (vs 32-33)
  - a. ALL are judged by the King
  - b. The separation takes place before any deeds are mentioned
  - c. Deeds of mercy don't merit salvation, only God's grace
- The command to Come (vs 34)
  - a. The sheep are invited to enter into their inheritance
  - b. This inheritance was prepared before the creation of the world
  - c. The blessed were merciful without thought of reward

## 2. The Righteous Enter into Their Eternal Inheritance (The Blessed in Christ ie the Church)

- The 5 fold ministries of mercy (vs 35-36)
  - a. Acts of mercy display true faith in Christ's sacrifice
  - b. Each of these acts are above reproach
  - c. Each are ministering to the body of the Church in need
- The surprise of the righteous (vs 37-39)
  - a. The righteous are humble
  - b. The righteous are diligent
  - c. The righteous are pure in heart

- The true “least of these” (vs 40)
  - a. The needy brothers and sisters
  - b. The ministry of reconciliation
- 3. The Cursed are Condemned to Eternal Punishment (vs 41)
  - The command to Depart
  - The disdain of the cursed (vs 42-45)
  - Exposing the heart of service (vs 46)

**Conclusion: Believers must live humbly, serving their brothers and sisters faithfully, placing their faith and trust in their King who is sure to come. Jesus will come and expose our hearts as either faithful or cursed.**

“You may talk about your religion till you have worn your tongue out, and you may get others to believe you; and you may remain in the Church 20 years and nobody ever detect in you anything like an inconsistency; but if it is in your power, and you do nothing to relieve the necessities of the poor members of Christ’s body, you will be damned as surely as if you were drunkards or whoremongers! If you have no care for God’s Church this text applies to you—and you will as surely sink to the lowest hell as if you had been common blasphemers!”—Charles Spurgeon