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"The Poor You Will Have with You Always"
Matthew 25:31-40

- I. "And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed." Genesis 2:25

- II. "Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked." Genesis 3:7

- III. The immediate and continued result of sin is selfishness.

- IV. "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." John 13:17

- V. "For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'"
Deuteronomy 15:11

Let's Go Deeper:

1. Do you ever doubt that Christ's second coming will actually happen? What are some factors that lead you to question whether this promise will actually be fulfilled?
2. In your own words, what does it mean to keep watch for Christ, and how is this mind-set different from inactivity? How can HCC equip you to live out Matt 25:31-40?
3. Discuss the parallels between Christ's second coming and the account of the flood in the days of Noah (Genesis 6–9).
4. How is the 'trumpet call' of 24:31 to be understood? Compare this verse with 1 Corinthians 15:52 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16.
5. How are endurance and faithfulness—marks of true, saving faith—different from attempting to earn a right standing before God?
6. How would you reply to someone who asked the following questions? "What does the Bible say about the destiny of those who are genuinely followers of Christ? What is the fate of those who persist in unbelief?" Where in the Bible could you defend your answers?