

# Judgment and the Second Coming

## Matthew 25:31-46



**Introduction:** How will the \_\_\_\_\_ times play out? I would like to provide you with what I believe the Scripture teaches:

### I. The \_\_\_\_\_ will sit on His Throne – 25:31-33

*31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.*

One thing we notice right away is that the \_\_\_\_\_ is Coming!

A. All the \_\_\_\_\_ are gathered before Him – 25:32

Next, we notice that all \_\_\_\_\_ will be gathered before Him. I remind you; all means all. The point is clear – no nation escapes His judgment.

B. The sheep and the goats are \_\_\_\_\_ – 25:32-33

Also notice that He will separate the nations as a shepherd divides his sheep from his goats. Sheep symbolize those who \_\_\_\_\_ Christ and carry out God's will, and the goats symbolize those who \_\_\_\_\_ Christ and who refused to carry out the will of God.

## II. The \_\_\_\_\_ are Protected – 25:34–40

*34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'*

When we read these words, we must not error in thinking that salvation is based upon \_\_\_\_\_. Be kind to those around you and you will be saved. This is not what is being taught here.

### **Salvation by Grace Alone**

A. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom – 25:34

*34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, "Come you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:"*

B. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom – 25:35-40

I'll not reread verses 35-40, but these actions mention by Jesus are what unifies the nations. Which is \_\_\_\_\_!

The \_\_\_\_\_ are seen in the words:

Did you notice that the word “\_\_\_” is capitalized?

Look at verses 37-40, 37 *“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40 And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’*

Underline verse 40. Who are the “\_\_\_\_\_” found in verse 40? Bible teachers offer the following perspectives. Some say,

### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ are Judged – 25:41–46

41 *“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ 44 “Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ 45 Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”*

Now, what do we learn about the Judgment of the Goats?

A. The goats will be cursed into \_\_\_\_\_ fire – 25:41

41 *“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:*

### **Why did God Create Hell?**

The Bible makes it clear that the \_\_\_\_\_ and the False \_\_\_\_\_ will cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 19:20). And after the 1,000-year reign of Jesus Christ on the earth that Satan himself will join them in the lake of fire and brimstone where they will be tormented day and night forever and ever (Revelation 20:10). A judgment that never ends.

Why hell? Because...

B. The goats refused to do what was \_\_\_\_\_ – 25:42-43

*42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'*

C. The goats will question their \_\_\_\_\_ – 25:44-45

*44 When did we see Him hungry or thirsty, or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You? 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'*

### **An Eternal Judgment**

Look at verse 46, And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

The same Greek word *aionios* (ahee-o'-nee-so) is used for both the words " \_\_\_\_\_ " and " \_\_\_\_\_ " in this verse.

**Conclusion:** This passage is \_\_\_\_\_ It reminds us that eternity is real. Heaven and hell are real. And our faith must be real.

When you stand before the Judge, will your life show the evidence of \_\_\_\_\_ faith? Will Christ say, "Come, you blessed of My Father"? Or will He say, "Depart from Me"?