

## I. One Will Be Enthroned for Exalted Worship (31-33)

**A. The rightful place of King Jesus (31) - “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.”**

**B. The righteous rule of King Jesus (32) - “Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.**

**C. The divine discernment of King Jesus (33) - “And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.”**

## II. Some Will Be Marked for Everlasting Wonder (34-40)

**A. Jesus’ glorious invitation (34) - “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.’”**

**B. Jesus’ great observation (35-37) - “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 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?’”**

**C. Jesus’ gracious imputation (38) - “And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ 40 And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”**

Proverbs 20:11 “Even a child makes himself known by his acts, by whether his conduct is pure and upright.”

## III. Some Will Be Condemned unto Eternal Wrath (41-46)

**A. The unimaginable realities of hell (41) - “Then he will say to those on his left, Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.”**

**The punishment of the wicked dead is described throughout Scripture as:**

“everlasting fire” (v. 41); “unquenchable fire” (3:12); “shame and everlasting contempt” (Dan. 12:2); a place where “their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched” (Mark 9:44–49); a place of “torments” and “flame” (Luke 16:23, 24); “everlasting destruction” (2 Thess. 1:9); a place of torment with “fire and brimstone” where “the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever” (Rev. 14:10, 11); and a “lake of fire and brimstone” where the wicked are “tormented day and night forever and ever” (Rev. 20:10). Here Jesus indicates that the punishment itself is everlasting - not merely the smoke and flames. The wicked are forever subject to the fury and the wrath of God.

**B. The unsuspecting residents of hell (42-44) - “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 welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ 44 Then they also will answer, 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?’”**

**This shows that those who are indifferent to Jesus and His ways will reside in hell**

**C. The inescapable ruin of hell (45-46) - “Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, 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 eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”**