

AT THE MASTER'S FEET:
A study of Jesus' Sermons in the Gospel of Matthew
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THE MASTER'S TRIUMPH: THE EXPECTANT LIFE

NO GEEP IN THE KINGDOM

Matthew 25:31-46

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25:31-33 I. Jesus will come to judge.

- :31 A. He will be glorious.
"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne."
cf. Matthew 16:27; 19:28; II Thessalonians 1:7
- :32a B. He will gather every human being.
"Before him will be gathered all the nations...."
cf. Zechariah 14:5; Revelation 20:11-13
- :32b, 33 C. He will separate the people.
"...and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on his left."
cf. Matthew 3:12; 13:30, 41, 42, 49; 24:31

:34-40 II. Jesus will reward the righteous.

- :34a A. with His presence
"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father....'"
- :34b B. with His Kingdom
"...inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."
- :35-40 C. with His commendation
- :35-36 1. for our deeds of mercy to Him
"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, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."
cf. Matt 10:40, 42; Mk 13:13; Jn 15:5, 18, 20; 17:10, 23, 26; Acts 9:4; 22:7; 26:14; I Cor. 12:27; Gal 2:20, 6:17; Col 1:24; Heb 2:17
- :37-40 2. for our mercy to His brothers
"Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick and in prison and visit you?' 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.'"
- Who are "my brothers?"** Four interpretations:
1. the poor of the world
 2. the apostles and Christian missionaries
 3. ethnic Israel
 4. Christ's disciples
- cf. Matthew 10:42; 12:48; 18:5, 6, 10; Acts 2:44, 45; 4:32

:41-46 III. Jesus will punish the wicked.

- :41a A. with His absence
"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me...'"
- :41b B. with His curse
"... you cursed..."

- :41c C. with His wrath
“...into the eternal fire...”
cf. Isa 33:14; 66:24; Matt 5:22; 13:42, 50; 18:8,9; Luke 16:19-31; Rom 1:18; Jude 7, 14-16; Rev 19:20; 20:10, 14, 15; 21:8
- :41d D. with His enemies
“...prepared for the devil and his angels.”
- :42-45 E. for our hard-heartedness
“For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 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.’ 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?’ 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.’”
cf. Matthew 12:30
- :46 F. forever
“And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”