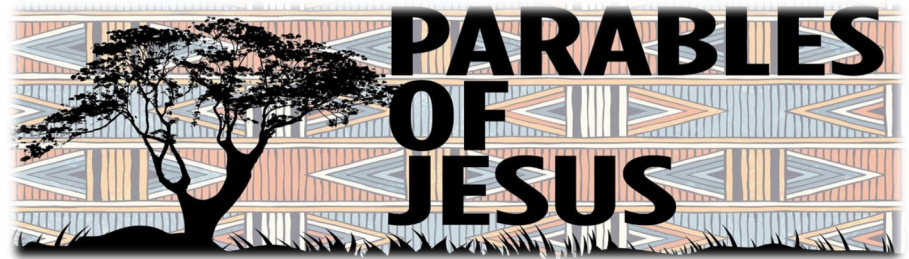


Reflection Questions: Am I a sheep or a goat? How do I know? What acts of mercy and compassion toward other Christians am I involved in? What will I do to improve in this area?

How can we pray for one another this week?



Parable of the Sheep and Goats
Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon
Notes

September 6, 2020

1. The Coming Judgment

2. The Judgment of the Righteous

3. The Judgment of the Wicked

4. The Final Destiny

Quotes to Ponder

Nothing more evidences conversion than a life marked by the compassion of God and the meekness and love of Christ.

Scripture is very clear in teaching that the evidence for assurance of true salvation is not found in a past moment of decision but in a continuous pattern of righteous behavior.

John MacArthur

The one who is ready for the coming of the Lord is not the one who says, 'It's far away.' The one who's ready for the coming of the Lord is not the one who says, 'It is near.' The one who is ready for the coming of the Lord is the one who lives his life with sincere faith and steadfast hope and fervent love for His brother.

Augustine

This passage...contains both an irrefutable argument against salvation by works, and at the same time, a startling warning that we will be judged by works.

Love for Christians who are in a special need is a measure of our love for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ligon Duncan

We are drawn to show mercy to some people because they are Christians. We are drawn to show mercy to some people because they are not Christians. We are drawn to show mercy to Christians because we see Christ in them, and we are drawn to show mercy to unbelievers because we want to see Christ in them. We help suffering believers because they bear the name of Christ. And we help suffering unbelievers in the hope that they will come to bear the name of Christ.

John Piper

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you? Comforted you?

2. In *Matthew 25:31-33*, who is *the Son of Man*? Where is He? What is He doing? Why is He called *King* in *verse 34*?

3. What contrasts will there be between Jesus' first advent and His second advent?

First Advent

Matthew 20:28 —

Matthew 11:29; John 5:41 —

Matthew 18:11; Luke 19:10;
John 3:17 —

Matthew 13:3-9; Luke 8:11—

Second Advent

Matthew 24:30-31; 25:31-46;
John 5:26-29 —

1 Thessalonians 4:16; Revelation 1:7 —

Acts 10:40-42; 2 Corinthians 5:10;
Revelation 11:15 —

Matthew 13:37-43 —

4. Is Jesus teaching salvation by works in this passage (*Matthew 25:31-46*)? Explain your answer and back it up with other Scripture.

5. In what way does meeting the needs of other Christians minister to Jesus Himself (*Matthew 25:35-40*)?

6. How is it that the righteous are unaware of their good works just as the wicked are unaware of their lack of good works? What does this imply or suggest?

7. Read *Matthew 25:41*. Why is it significant that hell was prepared for *the devil and his angels*?

8. What will be the final state of the wicked and the righteous according to the following verses?

Matthew 25:46 —

Revelation 20:11-15 —

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 —

9. How does the Bible describe hell?

Matthew 5:22 —

Matthew 22:13 —

Matthew 8:12 —

Luke 16:23-24 —

Matthew 13:42 —

Jude 7, 13 —

10. Read *Matthew 25:46*. What does the word *eternal* mean both times it is used?

11. When do you believe the events of *Matthew 25:31-46* take place? What is the proper response to Christians who differ with you over issues related to the end times? Why?