

The Judgment Of Nations

Matthew 25:31-46

Intro:

- A. **God will judge all things.**
 - 1. Acts 17:30-31
 - 2. "...he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness..."
- B. **Jesus will be the judge.**
 - 1. "...by that man whom he hath ordained..."
 - 2. John 5:22 - "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment to the Son."
- C. **The things that will be judged.**
 - 1. Every saved person will be judged.
 - 2. Every lost person will be judged.
 - 3. The world will be judged.
- D. **Jesus revealed a particular judgment to His disciples.**
 - 1. v.32
 - 2. Jesus spoke a parable about this time. Matthew 13:47
 - 3. The parable of the tares. Matthew 13:37

I. The Time Of This Judgment. Revelation 13:16

- A. **"When the Son of Man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him..."**
 - 1. This is His appearing in glory.
 - 2. The angels will begin their gathering.
 - 3. The net is brought to the shore.
 - 4. The tares are gathered from the field.
- B. **"...then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory."**
 - 1. throne = θρονος = "a high seat..."
 - 2. glory = δόξα = opinion, notion, splendor.

II. The Subjects Of This Judgment.

- A. **"And before him shall be gathered all nations..."**
v.32
 - 1. gathered = συναγω = "to lead together"

2. nations = εθνος = a multitude, "people living under common institutions"

B. These are nations that exist at the time of his coming.

1. Not the nations of His crucifixion.
2. Not the nations of the dark ages.

III. The Purpose Of This Judgment.

A. "...and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats..."

v. 32b

1. separate = αφορίζω = "to set off by bounds"
2. divideth = αφορίζω = (Same as above)
3. It is a time of separation and bounds.

B. "And he shall set the sheep on his right hand and the goats on the left." V. 33

1. The sheep are righteous ones.
2. The goats are unrighteous.

C. The sheep will inherit the kingdom. V. 34

1. inherit = κληρονομεω = "to receive a portion"
2. prepared = ετοιμαζω = "to make ready"
3. foundation = καταβολη = "the founding"
"establishing"

IV. The Basis Of Judgment.

A. Those who inherit the kingdom. V. 35-36

1. "I was hungry and ye gave me meat"
2. "I was thirsty and ye gave drink"
3. "I was a stranger and ye took me in"
4. "I was naked and ye clothed me"
5. "I was sick and ye visited me"
6. "I was in prison and ye came unto me"

B. The perplexity of the righteous. V. 37

1. v. 37-39
2. The king's answer. **V. 40**
3. least = ελαχιστος = the least in magnitude, number, or quality, inferior.

C. Those who do not inherit the Kingdom. V. 41

1. depart = πορευω = "to cause to pass over by land or water," "to transport one's self."
2. cursed = καταραομαι = "to wish or pray against anyone", "to wish evil to" "to curse"
3. The reasons are recited, they are the things they did not do to Jesus. v.42-44

D. **The perplexity of the unrighteous. V.44**

1. The answer of Jesus. v.45
2. least = (Same as B,3 above)
3. "...ye did it not unto me."

V. The Final Separation.

A. **The unrighteous. V.46**

1. "These shall go away into everlasting punishment..."
2. punishment = κολασις = "a pruning," hence punishment as a result of their neglect."
3. v.41 "...into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."

B. **The righteous.**

1. "...into life eternal."
2. "come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom..." v.34

