

Life after Death Part 21

The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

“31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: 33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.” (Matthew 25:31-46 KJV)

In this parable in ***Matthew 25*** that the Lord Jesus Christ shared with His disciples spoke about His return and how He will judge the nations according to what they had done, according to their attitude and their stand to His Word, principles and commands.

This parable is a real event that will take place upon Christ return to the earth and how He will judge the nations. For when He will return He will sit on His throne, ***“31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory.” (Matthew 25:31 KJV)*** This judgment of the nations after the return of Christ will take place during the Millennium period through which Christ will live and reign on earth one thousand years and we will be with Him to judge the nations. This judgment of the nations is different from the great white throne of the judgment of God that will take place after the end of the thousand years of the Millennium period, and after the battle of Armageddon, and after Satan will be thrown into the lake of fire, in which the wicked will be judged by God and will be thrown in the like of fire, ***“11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were***

in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:11-15 KJV) Also this judgment of the nations is different from the judgment seat of Christ in which Christ will judge the believers and we among them after the rapture of the church, in which He will reward us according to what we had done as Paul spoke about that, ***“9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:9-10 KJV)***

The judgment of the nations will take place after the return of Christ with the holy angels as we read in ***Matthew 25:31***, ***“and all the holy angels with him”***, to differentiate those holy angels from other group of wicked angels, the devil and his angels that we read in ***Matthew 25:41***, ***“Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:”*** The everlasting fire was prepared for the devil and his angels but if you show indifference to the works of God and to those who serve God whom He will send to you, then that will bring you into judgment.

The judgment of the nations during the Millennium period will take place in the Valley of Jehoshaphat as we read in the book of ***Joel***, ***“2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. 12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. 13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.” (Joel 3:2, 12-14 KJV)*** As well as we can read about this judgment of the nations in the book of ***Daniel***, ***“13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.” (Daniel 7:13-14 KJV)*** Christ’s judgment on the nations will be based of how they treated His brethren from the Jewish and the rest of the believers who will be revived during the period of tribulation and start to preach the gospel of Jesus to those who are left behind. Those brethren of Jesus will refuse to deny Christ inspite of the sever persecution and their suffering during the period of tribulation.

“32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:” (Matthew 25:32KJV) those nations when will gather around Christ’s throne during the period of tribulation He shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divide his sheep from the goats. The sheep are those who clearly live a Godly life through their care and love to those who belong to Christ and those who were sent by Him to them. But the goats are those who did not have such, who did not repent nor respond nor cooperate with those who were sent by Christ to preach the gospel and the Word of God to them, nor helped them, nor aided them in their troubles and difficult times.

“33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.” (Matthew 5:33 KJV) Christ will set the sheep from among the nations on His right hand which means they are accepted by Him based on their good attitude and actions towards those whom Christ had sent to them. While the goats He will place them on His left hand which means they are rejected as they rejected those whom He sent to them and did not cooperate with them nor assist them during their troubles and in their needs.

“34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (Matthew 25:34 KJV) Here Christ the King will say to those on His right hand, the sheep, asking them to come, calling them blessed by God the Father to inherit the kingdom on earth to reign with Him and His brethren during the Millennium reign of Christ, the one thousand years, the kingdom that God prepared from the foundation of the world, because they fed Him when He was hungry and gave Him drink when He was thirsty, they took Him in when He was a stranger, clothed Him when He was naked, they visited Him when He was sick, and they came to Him when He was in prison, ***“35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.” (Matthew 25:35-36 KJV)*** * Their good works prove their repentance and what inside them as genuine sheep of Christ. Their good works show what is in their hearts. * Therefore we need to be diligent to reach out such kind of people and categories, who lack the basic needs of life; those who are hungry and thirsty and we need to give them food and drink. Those who are naked we need to provide them with clothes. Those who are strangers we need to welcome them in. Those who are sick we need to visit them, and those who are in prison we need to go to them. Because all those in such humiliating conditions they might be repenting and became the sheep of Jesus and we need to go to them and help them in their trials and give them the love of God and the gospel of Jesus, for if they are truly repented they will receive the love of God through us and be saved by Jesus’ blood and become part of God’s Kingdom. * Therefore also Jesus recommended us to show love and to care to such people, that when we give banquet, we should not invite our rich neighbors, friends, or relatives who will in return reward us and treat us with the same, but to go to those who are at the border of the society, the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind, who have difficult life, and who have no one to care for them, ***“12 Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbours; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompence be made thee. 13 But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.” (Luke 14:12-14 KJV)*** We need to go to the poor, the maimed, the lame and the blind, who have no one and we need to care for them. So our attitude as sheep will be determined if we know how to care and bring God’s love on time to those who are in need of such.

“37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? 38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? 39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?” (Matthew 25:37-39 KJV) Here the sheep are called righteous, ***“Then shall the righteous answer him”***, which means they are already born again and

became righteous by the blood of Jesus because there is no one righteous by himself, ***“10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:” (Romans 3:10 KJV)*** Here the righteous they said to Christ that they did not remember they saw him hungry and fed Him, thirsty and gave Him drink, nor naked and clothed Him, nor a stranger and took Him in, nor sick and visited Him, nor in prison and went to Him. The sheep did not remember that they did any service to Christ, because Christ was not on earth during their lives on earth. That is why the Lord needed to explain to them, ***“40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” (Matthew 25:40 KJV)*** That whatever they did for the least of His brethren, those who serve Him, those who are sent by Him to them and responded to their message, aided them in their needs and supported them in their troubles and persecutions then they did it to Christ. As well as when they will give a cup of water to one of these little ones of His disciples they had done it to Christ and they will receive a reward from Him. ***“41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.” (Mark 9:41 KJV)*** Better than a cup of water is a cup of cold water because the quality of service is also important, ***“42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.” (Matthew 10:42 KJV)*** Also to do to any of the brethren of Jesus harm is to do harm to Christ, that is why Christ asked Saul when He appeared to him, why he was persecuting Him because Saul was persecuting the believers, the disciples of Jesus in dragging them to prisons, ***“4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.” (Acts 9:4-5 KJV)***

The sheep for them to do service and care and to respond to those who are in need is something usual for them to do and did not consider themselves they had done something extraordinary as Jesus instructed us, ***“10 So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do.” (Luke 17:10 KJV)*** The sheep of Jesus are there to give and to support. They had received from Christ and they are glad to give back. They are faithful to God and to His church, and they are ready to aid in times of crisis and emergencies. Therefore be ready and behave as sheep toward His church and to those who are sent by God to you. They are God’s servants and you need to cooperate with them and to aid them in their troubles and persecutions for they are suffering for Christ in preaching the gospel to the lost.

Christ after He will give His reward to the sheep, He will start to judge the goats of among the nations; those who are on His left side whom He rejected, because they had rejected His brethren who were sent to preach the gospel to them during the period of tribulation after the rapture of the church. They did not respond to them, but rather scorned them, nor stood with them when they were in troubles due to their preaching of the gospel, nor aided them in their needs and weaknesses. Here Christ will ask them to depart from Him because they were cursed into the everlasting fire in failing Him and in non doing His expectations from them, ***“41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:” (Matthew 25:41 KJV)*** This judgment of God on them is based on their cold and indifferent attitude toward His servants and their non believe in their message that they were carrying to the world. Such rejection

will be the final judgment of Christ on them for the following charges as He will declare to them, **“42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.”** (Matthew 25:42-43 KJV) There is nothing relate to major moral defects in the goats like immoralities, stealing, or murder, but their indifference to Christ. They showed they had no faith on Him and on His message by their indifference and lack of care to those in suffering and in pain who were the representatives of Christ. Therefore He will decide their doom and destruction.

“44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?” (Matthew 25:44 KJV) The rejected goats will ask Him which time they did such, because they were not aware that they did not honor Christ by not honoring those who were sent to them to repent. For the goats is normal not to give hand nor to aid, nor to pay back, nor to suffer, nor to get persecuted for those who stand for the truth of God. The goats are unfaithful to God and to His church. Then Christ will tell them, **“45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.”** (Matthew 25:45 KJV) The goats are willing to receive but they are not willing to give back. They are willing to be helped and supported but they are not willing to help and support those who reached them out when they fall into troubles. The goats as long as things are well they are fine, but once their commitment are asked then you don't find them. The goat they play safe, but once there is danger and risk and suffering then you will not see them. Their failure to show compassion to the poor people who are in pain for Christ's service then that is their failure to serve Christ.

My dear and beloved: Judgment is on the way and will start in the house of God, and so we need to be ready for His coming: **“46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.”** (Matthew 25:46 KJV) The goats shall go into everlasting punishment but the righteous sheep to everlasting eternal life. Take the mirror now, and see yourself with the Word of God that was preached; are you a sheep or are you a goat? Christ is coming soon and judgment on the way.

- You cannot be careless about the second coming of Christ and His return.
- You cannot be careless toward the Holy Spirit who promised us about the second coming of Christ and His return.
- You cannot be careless about your resources that you need to be good steward to use them for Christ's glory.
- You cannot be careless about those who are in need around you, that you need to go to them.
- You cannot be careless about the lost souls who will be judged without you going and preaching Christ to them.

Come now to God, repent from all your sins and your bad attitudes of goats, being careless, selfish, not willing to give, not willing to be faithful, not willing to be good steward of what you have, and not willing to suffer and got persecuted for Christ. Come now to God, repent of all your sins and wrongdoings and commit yourself to serve God and be good and faithful to what He entrusted to you being good steward of your resources managing them according to His Word and His will.

Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for all the corrections, the rebukes and the admonishments that I received in this message. Lord thank you for all the good things that I received from you. Lord thank you for your Word that shows me the defect inside of me, and thank you for the new chance that you give me today to repent.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins and commit yourself to serve Him and to do what you learned in this message. Confess and renounce being selfish, unfaithful, non willing to give, non willing to give back, non willing to suffer for the truth, non willing to stand with God and with those whom God is using to reach to you. Confess and renounce your lack of the good works that God had prepared for you to do. Confess and renounce your abuse of the grace of God, your taking advantage of others, and your lack of concern toward others especially those who serve Christ. Confess and renounce that you are doing your own will and plans and not the will of God and His plan in your life. Confess and renounce your unfaithfulness, ungratefulness, complaining and grumbling. Confess and renounce your lack of reading God's Word and life of prayers. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, with friends and in bondage with the Media, News and games. Confess and renounce all your compromises and corruption. Confess and renounce your bad stewardship, wasting your resources, lack of tithing and giving to God, your laziness, your complacency, your bad example and your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent from the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to the message that I received today and to change my bad attitude. Lord I am willing to go and do your works and will and to stand with your brethren whom you are sending to me to come back to you and serve you. Lord I commit myself to respond to their message and aid them and stand with them in their suffering for your cause. Lord I commit myself to give and not to take advantage. I commit myself to serve you and suffer for your cause. Lord I commit myself to go and evangelize and reach the lost, and help those who are in trouble in whatever way I can and aid them whenever that required from me, and preach your gospel and your Word to them. Lord I commit myself to live according to your will and the good plan that you have for me. Lord, I commit myself to be a fruitful and productive person in your Kingdom. Uphold me with your grace and provide for me to continue to serve you.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and Sisters who had repented and committed their lives to live according to the teaching they received in this message. Lord continue to bless your sheep and reward them, and continue to correct and rebuke the goats to repent. Lord I pray for the sheep to fill them with the Holy Spirit and use them to reach the lost and to serve you with us. Lord protect them, provide for them and give them good health and strength to accomplish their ministry and the assignments that you wants them to do

Lord bless us as a your church. Here we are Lord willing to go and move to the places that you wants us to move and to do the works that you wants us to do. Lord we trust you that you will enable us to overcome all obstacles and you will provide us all our needs. Lord we commit ourselves to continue to reach the poor, the sick, the hungry, the thirsty, the

strangers and those in prison. Lord refills us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts so that we continue to serve you. Lord I pray for more evangelism, more Bible studies and congregations to be planted and more workers to be trained. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let you hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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