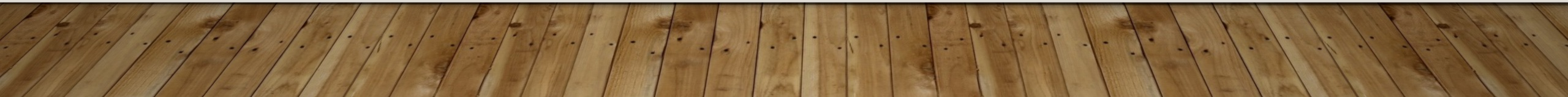




“THE LEAST OF THESE, SHEEP VS. GOATS (PART I)”

MATTHEW 25:31-39 BIBLE STUDY

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SHEEP, SHEPHERD, SALVATION



- I am the Shepherd – the Good One. The Shepherd – the Good One – lays down His life for the sheep (Jn 10:11, AT)



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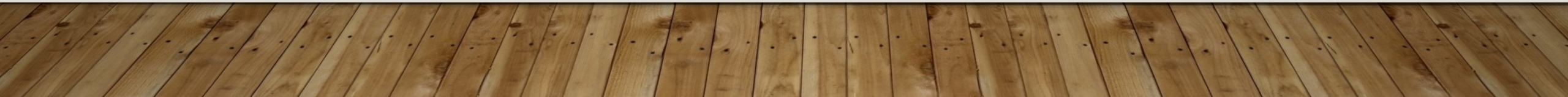
- I also have other sheep which are not from this sheepfold. Those I must also bring, and they will hear my voice and they will be(come) **one flock, one Shepherd.** (Jn 10:16, AT)



SHEEP, SHEPHERD, SALVATION



- I am the door. Through Me, if anyone comes in, they will be **saved** and come in and go out and find pasture.
(Jn 10:9, AT)

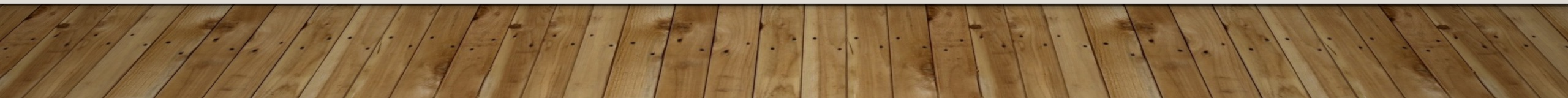




SHEEP, SHEPHERD, SALVATION



- I am the Shepherd – the Good One –
and I know My own and My own
know Me. (Jn 10:14, AT)





CONTEXT: THE OLIVET DISCOURSE



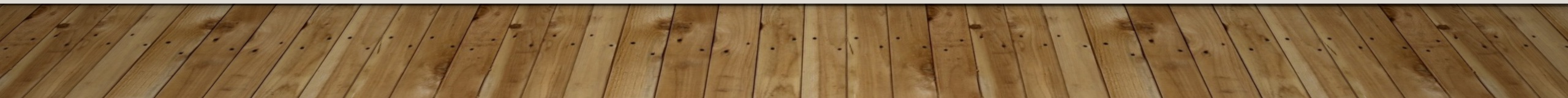
- As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of **Olives**, the **disciples** came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the **sign of your coming and of the end of the age?**” (Mt 24:3, NIV)



CONTEXT: THE OLIVET DISCOURSE



- 30 “Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. **And then all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven,** with power and great glory. 31 And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.
(Mt 24:30-31, NIV)

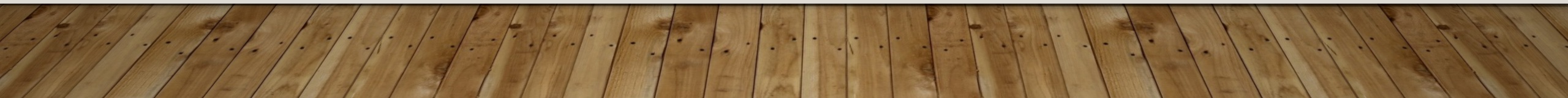




CONTEXT:
BE READY,
THE END IS COMING



- “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.
(Mt 25:13, NIV)





CONTEXT:
BE READY,
JUDGMENT IS COMING



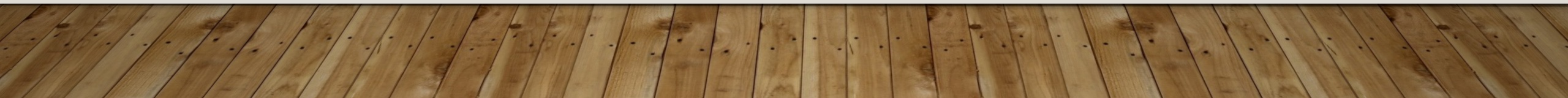
- “His master replied, ‘**Well done, good and faithful servant!** You have been faithful with a few things; I will **put you in charge of many things**. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ (Mt 25:21; cf. Mt 25:23, NIV)



CONTEXT:
BE READY,
JUDGMENT IS COMING



- And throw that **worthless** servant **outside**, into the **darkness**, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ (Mt 25:30, NIV)

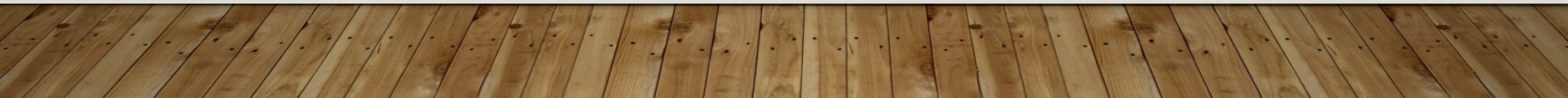




MATTHEW 25:31
THE SON OF MAN
ENTHRONED



- When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and with all the angels with Him, then He will sit on the [royal] throne of His glory. (Mt 25:31, AT)





MATTHEW 25:31
THE SON OF MAN
ENTHRONED



- 13 “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one **like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven**. He approached the **Ancient of Days** and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. **His dominion is an everlasting dominion** that will not pass away, and **his kingdom** is one that will never be destroyed. (Dn 7:13-14, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:31
THE SON OF MAN
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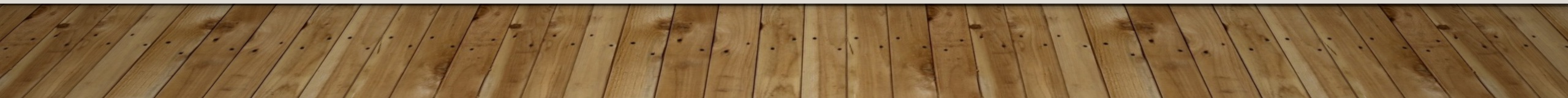
- Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the **Messiah** [Gk. **Χριστός** | *Christos*], the Son of the Blessed One?”
- 62 “I am,” said Jesus. “And you will see the **Son of Man** sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and **coming on the clouds of heaven.**”
- 63 The high priest tore his clothes. “Why do we need any more witnesses?” he asked. 64 “You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?”
- They all condemned him as worthy of death. (Mk 14:61b-64, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:31
THE SON OF MAN
ENTHRONED



But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed. (Is 53:5, NIV)





MATTHEW 25:31
THE SON OF MAN
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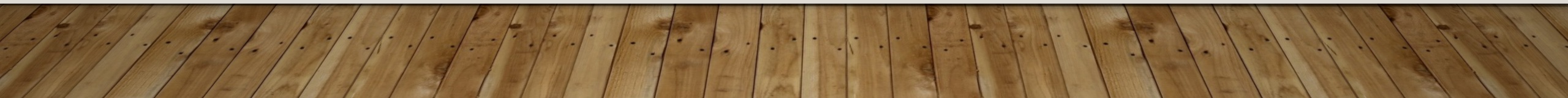
- 9 “As I looked,
“**thrones** were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.
His **throne** was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.
- 10 A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The **court** was seated,
and the **books were opened**. (Dn 7:9-10, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:31
THE SON OF MAN
ENTHRONED (FOR JUDGMENT)



- Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over **to the holy people of the Most High. His** kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey **him.**’ (Dn 7:27, NIV)





MATTHEW 25:31
THE SON OF MAN
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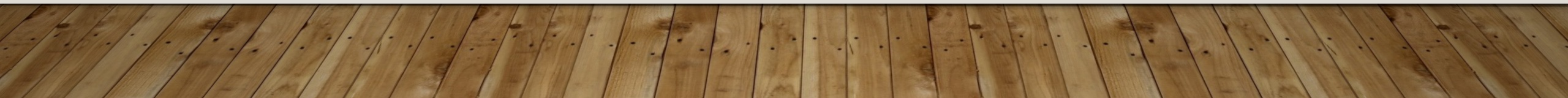
- 28 Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the **renewal of all things**, when the **Son of Man sits on his glorious throne**, you who have followed me will **also sit on twelve thrones, judging** the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will **inherit** eternal life. 30 But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first. (Mt 19:28-30, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:31
THE JUDGMENT
OF CHRIST/CHRISTIANS



- 20 Behold! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will come in before them and dine with them – and they with me. 21 The one who is victorious, to them I will give [the right] to **sit with me on my throne** – just as I was victorious and **sat with my Father on His throne**. (Rev 3:20-21, AT)

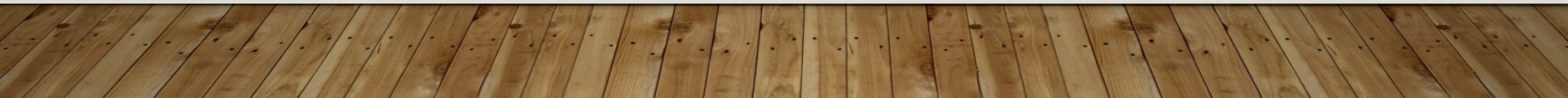




MATTHEW 25:31
THE JUDGMENT
OF CHRIST/CHRISTIANS



- 1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the **throne of God and of the Lamb**
2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the **tree of life**, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 **No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb** will be in the city, and **his servants** will serve him. (Rev 22:1-3, NIV)

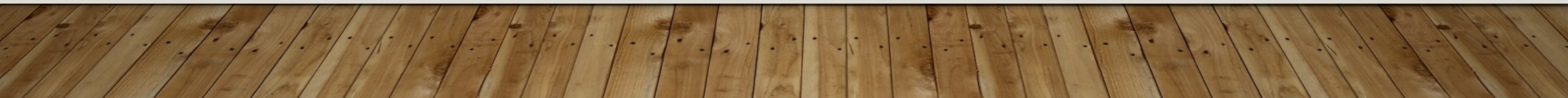




MATTHEW 25:31
THE JUDGMENT
OF CHRIST/CHRISTIANS



- 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the **Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. (Rev 22:4-5, NIV)**



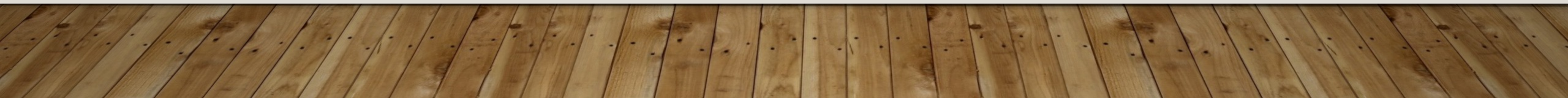


MATTHEW 25:31
THE JUDGMENT
OF CHRIST/CHRISTIANS



26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may **rule over** the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

27 So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them. (Gen 1:26-27, NIV)





MATTHEW 25:31
THE JUDGMENT
OF CHRIST/CHRISTIANS



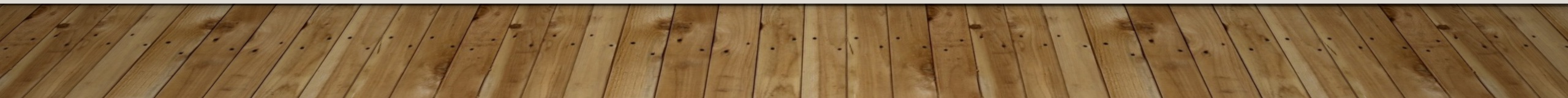
- 1 If any of you has a dispute with another, do you dare to take it before the ungodly for judgment instead of before the Lord's people? 2 Or **do you not know that the Lord's people will judge the world?** And if you are to **judge the world**, are you not competent to **judge trivial cases?** 3 Do you not know that **we will judge angels?** How much more the things of this life! (1 Cor 6:1-3, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:32
SEPARATION
OF THE NATIONS



- And all the peoples [ἔθνος | *ethnos*] will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them from one another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (Mt 25:32, AT)

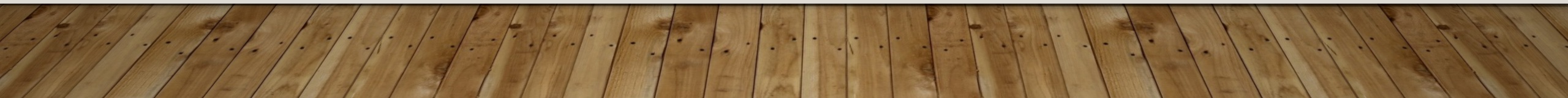




MATTHEW 25:32
SEPARATION
OF THE NATIONS



- 18 “We are going up to Jerusalem, and **the Son of Man** will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death 19 and will hand him over to the **Gentiles** [ἔθνος | *ethnos*] to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!” (Mt 20:18-19, NIV)

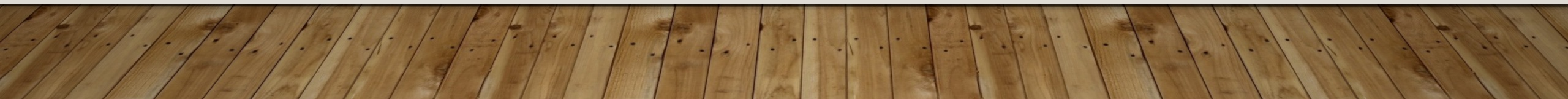




MATTHEW 25:32
SEPARATION
OF THE NATIONS



- 31 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For the **pagans** [ἔθνος | *ethnos*] run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well (Mt 6:31-33, NIV)





MATTHEW 25:32 SEPARATION OF THE NATIONS



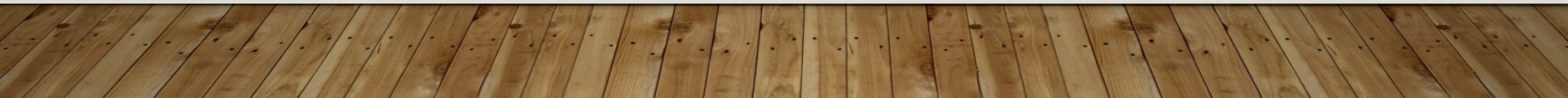
- 1 “In those days and at that time,
when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
- 2 I will **gather all nations** [LXX: ἔθνος | *ethnos*]
and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat.
There I will **put them on trial**
for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel,
because they scattered my people among the **nations**
and divided up my land. (Joel 3:1-2, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:32
SEPARATION
OF THE NATIONS



- And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the **whole world** as a testimony to **all nations** [ἔθνος | *ethnos*], and then the end will come. (Mt 24:14, NIV)





MATTHEW 25:32
SEPARATION
OF THE NATIONS



- 18 And having come near, Jesus spoke to them saying, "All **authority** in heaven and on the earth has been given to Me. 19 Go, therefore, [and] make disciples of **all nations** [ἔθνος | *ethnos*], baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And, listen: I am with you always – until the **consummation** of the age. (Mt 28:18-20, AT)



MATTHEW 25:32 SEPARATION OF THE NATIONS



13 Enter through the narrow gate.

For **wide is the gate** and **broad is the road**
that **leads to destruction**
And **many** are those who **enter through it**

14 For **narrow is the gate** and **hard is the road**
that **leads to life**
And **few** are those who **find it.** (Mt 7:13-14, AT)



MATTHEW 25:32
SEPARATION
OF THE NATIONS



- “ ‘As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign LORD [YHWH] says: **I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats.** (Eze 34:17, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:32
SEPARATION
OF THE NATIONS



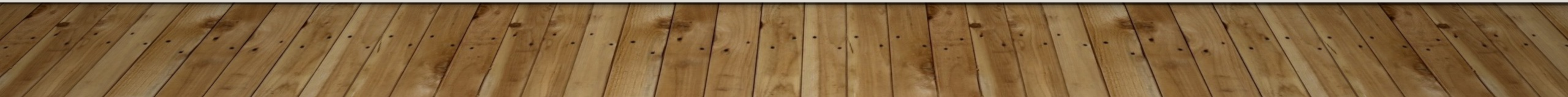
- For whoever is **ashamed of me and my words** in this adulterous and sinful generation, the **Son of Man** will be **ashamed of them** when He **comes** in His **Father's glory** with the holy angels. (Mk 8:38, AT)



MATTHEW 25:33
ON HIS
GOOD SIDE



- And He will place the sheep on His right and the goats on the left.
(Mt 25:33, AT)





MATTHEW 25:33
ON HIS
GOOD SIDE



- “What is it you want?” he asked. She said, “Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your **right** and the other at your **left** in your **kingdom.**” (Mt 20:21, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:34
AUTHORIZED
JUDGMENT



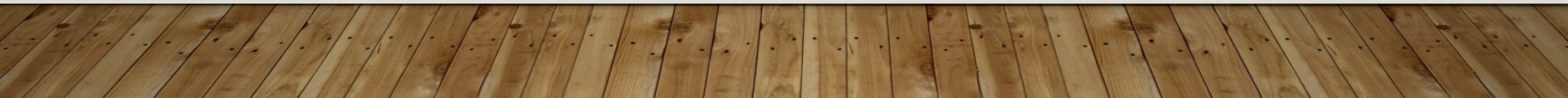
- Then the King will say to those on His right, "Come you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit [κληρονομέω | *klēronomeō*] the Kingdom that has been prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (Mt 25:34, AT)



MATTHEW 25:34
AUTHORIZED
JUDGMENT



- 22 Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has **entrusted all judgment to the Son**, 23 that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. (Jn 5:22-23, NIV)





MATTHEW 25:34
AUTHORIZED
JUDGMENT



- And he has **given him authority to judge** because he is the **Son of Man**. (Jn 5:27, NIV)



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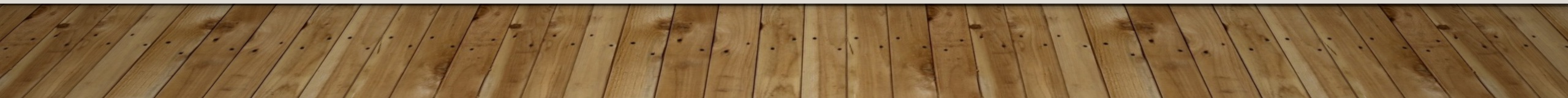
- 42 He commanded us to preach to the people **and to testify** that he is the one whom **God appointed as judge** of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that **everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.**” (Ac 10:42-43, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:34
AUTHORIZED
JUDGMENT



- For he has set a day when he will **judge** the world with justice **by the man he has appointed**. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead. (Ac 17:31, NIV)





MATTHEW 25:34
INHERIT
THE KINGDOM



- But I said to you, “You will **possess** [LXX: κληρονομέω | *klēronomeō*] their land; I will give it to you as an inheritance, a land flowing with milk and honey.” I am the LORD [YHWH] your God, who has set you apart from the **nations** [LXX: ἔθνος | *ethnos*].
(Lev 20:24, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:34
INHERIT
THE KINGDOM



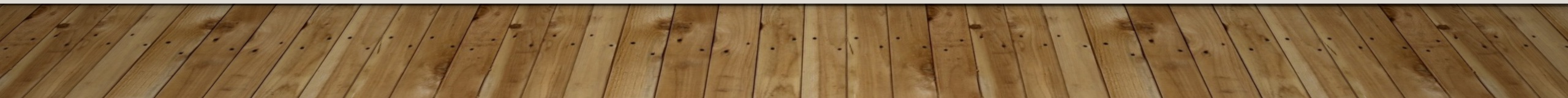
- 6 Abram believed the LORD [YHWH], and he credited it to him as righteousness.
- 7 He also said to him, “I am the LORD [YHWH], who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this **land to take possession of it** [LXX: κληρονομέω | *klēronomeō*].”
- 8 But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD [YHWH], how can I know that I will **gain possession of it** [LXX: κληρονομέω | *klēronomeō*]?” (Gen 15:6-8, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:34
INHERIT
THE KINGDOM



- 6 So also Abraham “believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” [Gen 15:6]
- 7 Understand, then, that **those who have faith are children of Abraham.** 8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and **announced the gospel in advance** to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” [Gen 12:3] 9 So those who rely on faith are **blessed** along with Abraham, the man of faith. (Gal 3:6-9, NIV)

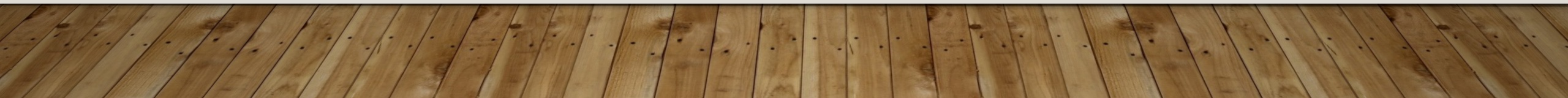




MATTHEW 25:35-36
WHY? BECAUSE
YOU RECEIVED ME



- For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed Me as a guest; inadequately clothed, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me [to care for me]; I was in prison, and you came to Me [to visit]. (Mt 25:35-36, AT)

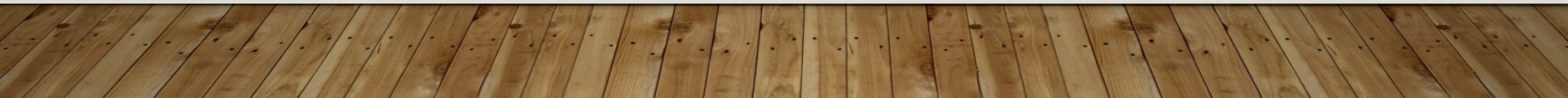




MATTHEW 25:35-36
WHY? BECAUSE
YOU RECEIVED ME



- 1 Keep on loving **one another** as **brothers and sisters**. 2 Do not forget to show **hospitality** to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. 3 Continue to remember those in **prison** as if you were together with them in **prison**, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. (Heb 13:1-3, NIV)





MATTHEW 25:37-39
WHEN DID WE
RECEIVE THEE?



- 37 Then the righteous will reply to Him, "Lord, when(ever) did we see you when you were hungry and feed you, or when(ever) were you thirsty and we gave you something to drink? 38 And when(ever) did we see you [as] a stranger, and welcome you as a guest; or inadequately clothed, and we clothed you? 39 And when(ever) did we see you when you were sick or in prison, and we came (to visit) you? (Mt 25:37-39, AT)



MATTHEW 25:37-39
WHEN DID WE
RECEIVE THEE?



- And replying, the King will say to them,
"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one
of the **least of these brothers and sisters of
Mine**, you did for Me." (Mt 25:40, AT)