



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

MATTHEW 25:41-46 BIBLE STUDY

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CONTEXT

- 31 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. 32 And all the peoples will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them from one another, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And He will place the sheep on His right and the goats on the left. 34 Then the **King** will say to those on His right, "Come you who have been blessed by my Father, inherit the **Kingdom** that has been prepared for you from the foundation of the world. (Mt 25:31-34, AT)
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CONTEXT

- For I was [1] hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was [2] thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink, I was a [3] stranger, and you welcomed Me as a guest; [4] inadequately clothed [lit. naked], and you clothed Me; I was [5] sick, and you visited Me [to care for me]; I was [6] in prison, and you came to Me [to visit]. (Mt 25:35-36, AT)
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CONTEXT

- 37 Then the righteous will reply to Him, "Lord, when(ever) did we see you when you were [1] hungry and feed you, or when(ever) were you [2] thirsty and we gave you something to drink? 38 And when(ever) did we see you [as] a [3] stranger, and welcome you as a guest; or [4] inadequately clothed, and we clothed you? 39 And when(ever) did we see you when you were [5] sick or [6] in prison, and we came (to visit) you? (Mt 25:37-39, AT)
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MATTHEW 25:40
THE LEAST OF THESE...

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



MATTHEW 25:41
FIERY JUDGMENT

- Then He will say to those on the left, "**Depart from Me** – you who have been cursed – into the **eternal fire** prepared for the devil and his angels. (Mt 25:41, AT)



MATTHEW 25:41
FIERY JUDGMENT

- Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. **Away from me, you evildoers!**’ (Mt 7:23, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:41
FIERY JUDGMENT

- But I say to you that everyone who is **angry** with their brother [or sister] will be liable to judgment. And whoever says to their brother (or sister), "Raca!" will be liable to the Sanhedrin. And whoever says, "Fool!" will be liable to the **fiery Hell**. (Mt 5:22, AT)



MATTHEW 25:41
FIERY JUDGMENT



- **Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. (Mt 7:19, NIV)**





MATTHEW 25:41
FIERY JUDGMENT

- 37 He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. (Mt 13:37-39, NIV)
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MATTHEW 25:41 FIERY JUDGMENT



- 40 “As the weeds are pulled up and **burned in the fire**, so it will be at the **end of the age**. 41 The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. 42 They will throw them into the **blazing furnace**, where there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the **kingdom** of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear. (Mt 13:40-43, NIV)





MATTHEW 25:41 FIERY JUDGMENT

- 47 “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. 48 When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the **good fish** in baskets, but **threw the bad away**. 49 This is how it will be at the **end of the age**. The angels will come and **separate the wicked from the righteous** 50 and throw them into the **blazing furnace**, where there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**. (Mt 13:47-50, NIV)
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MATTHEW 25:41
FIERY JUDGMENT

- 8 If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into **eternal fire**. 9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the **fire of hell**. (Mt 18:8-9, NIV)
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MATTHEW 25:42-43
YOU REJECTED ME



- For I was hungry [1], and you did **not** give me something to eat; I was thirsty [2], and you did **not** give me something to drink; I was a stranger [3], and you did **not** welcome me as a guest; inadequately clothed [4], and you did **not** clothe me; sick [5] and in prison [6], and you did **not** visit (to care for) me. (Mt 25:42-43, AT)





MATTHEW 25:44
FAILED TO SERVE



- Then they also will reply saying, "**Lord**, when(ever) did we see you when you were hungry [1] or thirsty [2] or a stranger [3] or inadequately clothed [4] or sick [5] or in prison [6] and not minister [διακονέω | *diakoneō*] to you? (Mt 25:44, AT)





MATTHEW 25:44
FAILED TO SERVE



9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and **every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,**
to the glory of God the Father. (Php 2:9-11, NIV)





MATTHEW 25:44
FAILED TO SERVE

- Then the devil left him, and angels came and **attended** [διακονέω | *diakoneō*] him (Mt 4:11, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:44
FAILED TO SERVE

- 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your **servant** [διάκονος | *diakonos*], 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be **served** [διακονέω | *diakoneō*] but to **serve** [διακονέω | *diakoneō*], and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mt 20:26-28, NIV)



MATTHEW 25:45
YOU REJECTED MY MESSENGERS,
SO YOU REJECTED ME

- Then He will reply to them saying,
"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did **not**
do for one of the least of these, you did
not do for Me either." (Mt 25:45, AT)



MATTHEW 25:46
FINAL DESTINATIONS



- And these will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous into **eternal life**. (Mt 25:46, AT)





MATTHEW 25:46
FINAL DESTINATIONS



- Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to **everlasting life**, others to shame and **everlasting contempt** (Dn 12:2, NIV)





MATTHEW 25:31-46
LET'S BE GOOD SHEEP
FOR OUR GOOD SHEPHERD

- Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us **do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.** (Gal 6:10, NIV)
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