
KINGDOM
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…It changes the way we live TODAY!

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31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, & all the angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne.

32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, & He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

33 He will put the sheep on His right & the goats on His left.

Matthew 25:31-46

1. The King Is Coming (v. 31–33)

"The Son of Man" - Title connected - Daniel 7:13–14

"Comes in His glory" - Jesus is not returning in the humility of His first coming – but as exalted King!

"All the nations" - The judgment is universal.

"He will separate people" - Their final destinies will not be the same.

Kingdom Focus: Am I living under the authority of the coming King, or am I living as though I am the ruler of my own life?

34 “Then the King will say to those on His right,
‘Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take
your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you
since the creation of the world.

35 For I was hungry & you gave Me something
to eat, I was thirsty & you gave Me something
to drink, I was a stranger & you invited Me in,

36 I needed clothes & you clothed Me, I was
sick & you looked after Me, I was in prison &
you came to visit Me.’

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2. The King Knows His Own (v. 34–36)

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father" - The invitation begins with the Father's blessing! *(Sermon on the Mount)*

"Inherit the kingdom" - An inheritance is received, not earned as wages. *(God's Grace)*

"Prepared for you" - *The Kingdom is part of God's purpose!*

"I was hungry... thirsty... a stranger... naked... sick... in prison" - Jesus lists concrete needs. The righteousness He describes becomes visible through practical compassion.

Kingdom Focus: Is my faith producing the fruit of a transformed life, or am I relying on religious knowledge without genuine obedience?

37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry & feed You, or thirsty & give You something to drink?

38 When did we see You a stranger & invite You in, or needing clothes & clothe You?

39 When did we see You sick or in prison & go to visit You?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers & sisters of mine, you did for Me.’

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3. The King Reveals the Heart (v. 37–40)

"Lord, when did we see you…?" – They did not recognize their acts of service as acts done directly for Jesus.

"The least of these" – Jesus identifies Himself w/ people who are hungry, vulnerable, overlooked, or suffering.

"Whatever you did" - The passage clearly teaches that how people respond to those Jesus identifies with matters to the King.

"You did it to Me" - Service that might seem insignificant to the world matters to Him.

Kingdom Focus: The King changes how we see people… Who have I overlooked because serving them seemed inconvenient, uncomfortable, or unimportant?

41 “Then He will say to those on His left,
‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into
the eternal fire prepared for the devil & his
angels.

42 For I was hungry & you gave Me nothing
to eat, I was thirsty & you gave Me nothing
to drink,

43 I was a stranger & you did not invite Me in, I
needed clothes & you did not clothe Me, I was
sick & in prison & you did not look after Me.’

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44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we
see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or
needing clothes or sick or in prison, & did not
help You?’

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever
you did not do for one of the least of these,
you did not do for Me.’

46 “Then they will go away to eternal
punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

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4. The King Will Judge (v. 41–46)

"Depart from me" - These are words of final rejection.

"You did not..." - Their indifference exposes what their lives reveal about their relationship to the King.

"Eternal punishment... eternal life" - Jesus concludes with two eternal destinies. BUT... A profession of faith cannot & will not substitute for a transformed life... (*Prepared for the devil & his angels*... NOT FOR YOU!)

Kingdom Focus: Where have I become comfortable claiming to follow Jesus while ignoring the things He clearly calls me to do?

Before YOU LOOK OUTSIDE
... YOU LOOK INSIDE!

Live like the King is coming.

Love like the King has changed you.

Head: *Remember that Jesus is returning as King & Judge.*

Heart: *Ask God to expose indifference, selfishness, & a faith that exists only in words.*

Hands: *Identify one person in need this week & take a practical step to serve them without seeking recognition.*

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