

Life and Ministry of Jesus Christ God's King Gathers and Separates

Last times...3 times Jesus has warned His disciples to be watching and ready for His 2nd Coming

1. The faithful and wise servant (believed and obeyed)
vs
The evil servant (did not believe and disobedient)
2. The Parable of the Ten Virgins...wise vs foolish
3. The Parable of the Talents...good and faithful servants vs wicked and slothful servant

The evil, foolish, wicked, slothful, and unprofitable servant can be made
wise, good, and faithful...with heeding the warning and repentance

Philemon 10-11, 16-19

This time...the importance of heeding Jesus' warning (repentance) is made crystal clear

We will be in Matt 25 again

v31 When...come in His glory:

The importance of heeding the warnings of Jesus is because...He is coming

Jude 14-25

Rev 19:11-21

Be not deceived, Jesus Christ is coming!

1. in His glory
 - NOT as a defenseless baby
 - NOT as a tender plant with nondescript appearance and no beauty (Is 53:2)
 - face shining as the sun and clothing white as light (Matt 17:2)
 - eyes as a flame of fire and wearing many crowns (Rev 19:12)
 - wearing a robe dipped in blood (Rev 19:13)
 - seen by all inhabitants of the earth (Rev 1:7)
2. with an army
 - all the holy angels (no unholy angels, confined to earth)
 - His saints/believers in heaven (Jude 14, Rev 19:14)
3. to conquer, to judge and make war and rule the nations
(Jude 15; Rev 19:11, 15-16)

v32-33 gathered...separate...right hand...left:

When King Jesus is seated on His throne in Jerusalem, all nations
("races, tribes, people") will be gathered before Him

Then King Jesus will separate/divide them into two camps,
just as a (Good) Shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,
separated "after his kind"

sheep beget sheep and goats beget goats

"kinds" are not mixed

sheep over here (right hand), goats over there (left hand)

A division...Matt 10:32-34, 37-39

sheep:

- confess Jesus before men
- are confessed by Jesus before the Father
- are placed on King Jesus' right hand (strength, honor)
- the righteous

goats:

- deny Jesus before men
- are denied by Jesus before the Father
- are placed on King Jesus' left hand
(King Jesus is on **their** right hand/strength)
- the wicked

2 Tim 2:19 The Lord knoweth them that are His.

Eccl 10:2 A wise man's heart *is* at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left.

Those on Jesus' right hand: His

Those on His left hand: NOT His

v34-36 the King...His right hand...come ye blessed of My Father:

King Jesus first addresses...His

- His sheep that know His voice and follow, known by the
Good Shepherd and know Him (John 10:1-5, 14)
- them on His right hand (His strength)
- the blessed of His Father
- heirs of His kingdom
- the righteous (v37)

Come...Come here, come near

inherit the kingdom...children, heirs, heirs of God, joint-heirs with Christ
(Rom 8:17)

prepared for you...

- the Father prepared the Kingdom
- the Son purchased the kingdom and its citizens
(Acts 20:28, 1 Cor 6:19-20, 1 Peter 2:9-10, Rev 1:5)
- the Holy Spirit prepared these people for the kingdom

from...before

the foundation of the world...the conception of the creation

They have the hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie,
promised before the world began (Titus 1:2)

Here is the testimony of Jesus regarding His:

<u>I was</u>	<u>you</u>
hungry	gave Me food
thirsty	gave Me drink
a stranger	gave Me hospitality
naked	gave Me clothes
sick	visited Me...gave of your time and care
in prison	visited Me...gave of your time and care

v37-39 the righteous answer Him:

The righteous/innocent/justified/holy/pleasing/acceptable/right with God
are those about whom Scripture has so much to say:

- believe/trust the Lord (Gen 15:6, Hab 2:4, John 5:24, John 6:28-29, Heb 11:6, Ps 2:12b)
- circumcised heart (Deut 10:16, Jer 4:4, Rom 2:28-29)
- clean heart and a right spirit (Ps 51:10)
- broken and contrite heart and spirit (Ps 51:17, Is 57:15)
- poor in spirit (Matt 5:3)
- meek/humble (Matt 5:5, Is 57:15)
- hunger and thirst for righteousness (Matt 5:6)
- merciful (Matt 5:7)
- pure in heart (Matt 5:8)
- peacemakers (Matt 5:9)
- persecuted for righteousness' sake (Matt 5:10)
- learned Jesus (Eph 4:20-32, Matt 11:28-30)
- forgiven, justified by the grace of God (Titus 3:7)
- sanctified (Heb 2:11)
- made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Cor 5:21, 1 Cor 1:30)

- born-again children of God (John 1:12-13, Matt 12:50)
- made heirs of God according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:7)
- saved by grace thru faith (Eph 2:8-9)
- saved by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost (Titus 3:5)
- “in Christ” and Christ in them
- His

Lord, when did we see You ____ and gave to you ____?

v40 unto one of the least of these my brethren:
I say unto you...Thus saith the LORD

ye have done...action, obedience to His Word (e.g. Matt 22:39)

unto one...even one, for EVERY single sheep is important to the Good Shepherd

of the least...the weakest, the neediest, the most helpless (e.g. Matt 10:42);
the least desired by the world are greatly desired in His kingdom

of these My brethren...Heb 2:9-13, His (Son of man, v31)

ye have done it unto Me...faith that saves is active/doing
James 2:14-26, Col 3:23-24

i.e. to minister to/serve the least is to minister to/serve the King

Examples:

1. Calvary Chapel Tel Aviv

After a very blessed and successful Israel Tour in 2006, I was
planning another tour in 2007

I was given a “Mission Update” from missionaries in Tel Aviv,
Stephen and Pat Apple

He was transporting food and medical supplies to the Jews in
northern Israel who were being shelled by Hezbollah
rockets from Lebanon

As I read, I “heard” (a deep impression upon my heart)
very clearly from the Lord: “Go help that man. Get off the
bus and go into the streets.”

I immediately cancelled the tour and re-tooled for a mission trip
I contacted Stephen Apple and told him when we were coming

“What are we going to do?”

“I don’t know.

The Lord will show us when we get there.”

There were 9 of us, including Keith, Cheryl, Jenny, Monica, me...
and Sam and Dianna from Wasilla AK who heard about it
(how?) and met us in Tel Aviv

We bought airline tickets, made a hotel reservation “near” the
meeting place of Calvary Chapel Tel Aviv...and went,
not knowing anything other than “Go help that man.”

Heb 11:8-ish

After breakfast on the first morning, we walked several miles to
CCTA...and announced ourselves

The first words out of Stephen’s mouth were, “We had no idea
what we were going to do with you...until yesterday.”

[*Trust Rest Obey*]

The day before we arrived, while we were in flight, Stephen and
the new building owner came to terms.

We announced ourselves on the 1st morning they had access to the
building, their future meeting place!

We eagerly got to work, doing a lot of dirty work and heavy
lifting, helping to transform a filthy gay nightclub into a
house of worship of the Living God

We served in their soup kitchen that ministered/ministers to the
homeless of Tel Aviv

We were called to come alongside a ministry that has v34-40 as its
“mission statement”; we went by faith.

When we left to go home, Stephen said, “We were not sure what to
do with you before you came. Now, we could not have done
this without you.”

They affectionately refer to us as their “dirty missionaries.”

2. Egypt

Through a series of events we do not have time to cover this
morning, the Lord made us aware of, and then physically
showed us some of, the 5-6M children ages 5-15
abandoned in the streets of Cairo

Monica, Nathan, Kathryn, Matthew, Kirk, Janet, Tony,
Katrina, Dan, others

He showed us for a reason – He had a work He wanted to do and
He chose the least able to help Him...us

These rejected, abandoned, and oppressed children are...
hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, prisoners
The Lord gave us a vision of the work He wants to do

[pics]

Earlier this year, after 8 years and 4 “start all over again”s, we
have secured a building permit, PTL!
Next month I am headed over again to help with the start of the
construction process, PTL!
We do not know “How” but we do know “Who”

v41-45 Then...them on the left hand, Depart from Me:

Now King Jesus addresses those on His left hand...not His, about which Scripture
also has much to say:

- the goats
- the wicked
- the unrighteous (not on His right hand)
- with wrong lordship (He on their right hand vs they on His right hand)
- foolish
- disobedient
- deceived
- self-serving, having no self-control
- living in malice and envy
- hateful, hating one another
- despisers of those that are good
- call good evil and evil good
- lovers of their own selves
- lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God
- covetous
- boasters
- proud
- blasphemers
- unthankful
- unholy
- without natural affection
- false accusers
- have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof
- NOT His

Depart from Me...Get away, get far away

ye cursed...by the Father (vs blessed ala v34)

into everlasting fire...judgment of the Almighty God, fire without end
prepared...by the Father (ala the kingdom, v34)

for the devil and his angels...NOT prepared by the Father for men
The Father sends the devil and the unholy angels to everlasting fire...
God's choice
unbelieving man sends himself, despite all the pleading of the Father...
man's choice (1 Tim 2:4, 2 Peter 3:9, John 3:16, Ezk 18:30-32,
Deut 30:19-20)
5-Point Calvinism is not sound doctrine

The King takes the "not His" thru the same scenarios He took "His",
but they did **not** whereas "His" did

Then the "not His" ask
Lord...Acts 10:36, Phil 2:5-11

when...not minister unto You...disregarded/rejected Matt 22:36-40
instead, served Self and in so doing served the devil

v46 these...but the righteous:

When King Jesus returns to earth in His glory with an army to conquer and to
judge, the ONLY distinction between peoples will be

- A. His
- or
- B. Not His

Matt 13:24-30 wheat and tares
Luke 3:17 wheat from chaff

2 Tim 2:19 The Lord knoweth them that are His.
Rev 22:12 behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every
man according as his work shall be

- A. His: eternal life, the kingdom of God
- or
- B. Not His: eternal death, hell, Lake of Fire

Application

1. Believe/trust

Heb 2:1-3 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;

1 John 5:11-13 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God

Believe/trust and live

Not believe/trust and perish

Everlasting fire, everlasting punishment/torment, outer darkness, hell:
a VERY real place prepared by God for His enemies

Lies of the devil polluting the Church

1. Hell is not real, does not exist
2. Everybody goes to heaven

Believe the testimony of God, not the testimony of the devil!

If the King looks at you and sees a goat, repent!

Phil 2:9-11

Onesimus...and Philemon

Cry out unto the Lord your Maker to save you and make you a new creature – a sheep

2. Obey/Do

Care/serve the people around us vs caring/serving ourselves

“What can I do?”

Calls to serve:

- b. participate in our fellowship’s missions
especially Still Waters Ministries: get involved, pray, give, go!
- c. Start a prison ministry
- d. Start a shut-in ministry
- e. Start a hospital visitation ministry
- f. Start a ministry to the poor
- g. Stand up for the voiceless and defenseless children being murdered in USA
- h. Phil 2:12-13 and Col 3:23-24