



## THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

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### THE DETAILS OF THIS JUDGMENT

MATTHEW 25:31-46

- ① The \_\_\_\_\_: the Father has \_\_\_\_\_ all judgment to the Son. JOHN 5:22-23
- » He will judge with a rod of \_\_\_\_\_. REVELATION 19:15
  - » He will be accompanied by a monumental number of \_\_\_\_\_. 2 THESSALONIANS 1:6-10
  - » This is the first time Jesus refers to Himself as \_\_\_\_\_.
- ② The \_\_\_\_\_: this is precise: "when the Son of Man \_\_\_\_\_ in His glory."
- » This corresponds with what happens in Revelation 19.
  - » When He appears, the opportunity for \_\_\_\_\_ will be over.
- ③ The \_\_\_\_\_: Christ will be seated on His \_\_\_\_\_ throne in Jerusalem.
- » This will establish His earthly \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 SAMUEL 7:12-16; ISAIAH 9:6-7; LUKE 1:31-33

- ④ The \_\_\_\_\_: the goal here is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the righteous from the unrighteous.
- » It is not to \_\_\_\_\_ who are sheep and who are goats; the Judge will \_\_\_\_\_ this from the outset.
- ⑤ The \_\_\_\_\_: how they treated the brethren (the \_\_\_\_\_) gave testimony of their faith.
- » Their deeds were the \_\_\_\_\_ of their faith.
- ⑥ The \_\_\_\_\_: the goats proved by their \_\_\_\_\_ that they are cursed.
- » The time to prepare for seeing Jesus, the righteous Judge, is \_\_\_\_\_!

#### FOR FURTHER STUDY:

1. What are you looking forward to most about the Lord's return?
2. Read Matthew 25:31-46. The narrative here is not so much a parable, but a stylized description of future events. What will happen when Christ comes in His glory? Who do the sheep and goats represent? What criteria does the King use to separate the sheep from the goats?
3. How would you counter the idea that this passage teaches salvation by good works? What change does true faith make in a person's life? In what specific ways has your faith in Christ changed you?
4. In what way does this story motivate you to tell your friends about Christ?
5. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12. Paul proclaims that "God is just" (verse 6). How does he describe God's justice in this passage? How do you think suffering people like the Thessalonians would have responded to this teaching about God's justice?
6. According to this passage, what makes a person "worthy of the kingdom" (v. 5) or "worthy of His calling" (v. 11)? What will cause God to punish some people when He returns (vv. 8-10)? In light of this teaching about God's judgment, why does Paul pray as he does in verses 11-12?