

Matthew: Jesus, The King of Kings

He Will Separate Them (Inherit the Kingdom)

Matthew 25:31-46

We don't have to be scared of knowing about the End

- Guy with the end is nigh
- Person who says it'll never happen

Be like Paul...

Phil 4:5b "The Lord is near [at hand]."

Jesus wants us prepared - He tells us beforehand

Today - Jesus wants people prepared for the judgment:

- **Jesus is the Judge** - rewards for righteous, punishment for wicked

It'd be unfair to be judged for unknown laws

Being unaware is not an excuse, but if the law was never made clear somewhere

Romans 1:20 - For since the creation of the world His invisible [attributes] are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

Maranatha "The Lord is Coming" "Come, O Lord!"

[Pray]

:31

When not if He comes

His return is guaranteed.

In His Glory - like the transfiguration.

First time as a lamb, next time as a lion

**Then throne: Not the way the disciples or the people thought
God's plan is long term**

Multifaceted

This throne seemingly on earth DG

Distinct from great white throne judgment rev 20:11-15 (post millenium) heaven side

Cross > Pentecost > Age of Grace (Church Age) > Rapture > Great Tribulation > Armageddon > Judgment of Nations > Millennial Reign > Satan Loses > Final Battle > GWT > NH&NE

:32-36

All the nations gathered before him

There's only one throne with final authority

(Some debate) This is judgment of *nations*

Judgment of the Gentile Nations ("what did you do with my people")

Earth side

*What Gentile nations did for or against gospel or for or against Israel during Trib
DG Minority opinion, to me makes the most sense*

Miss rapture, survive Great Trib and weren't in the battle at Armageddon...

Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world

Millennial kingdom

- Earthly kingdoms, under sway but not total control of heaven or the enemy
- Holy Spirit still influencing, church still active
- Rapture - stepping out of the way, revealing man of lawlessness
- 7 years under total dictatorship of the enemy
- Then Jesus shows the world, with "iron scepter" what a rule under his authority like
- 6,000 years of history + 1,000 years of reign

No matter the time of judgment, the point is the same - they ministered to Jesus

Verdict based on what they did with God's people - ultimately Him

If you mess with my kids, you mess with me

There are only two classes of people spiritually

Sheep from goats, wheat and tares

Sheep and goats look, act and sound different

Wheat and tares look the same until harvest

One goes to a judgment for rewards (think trophy),
based on what we did with Jesus and his family

Other goes to a judgment for punishment (think sentencing after guilty verdict),
based on what we did on our own

Inherit - again, this is inheritance reward

Should we truly be rewarded for doing right?

Shouldn't we just do the right because it is right?

Does not our motive to do right for reward show a lack of inherent right-ness in us?

Doing something loving for my wife for brownie points, complimenting her before asking for lunch as a butter up

Inheritance, reward, blessing set aside, planned,
worked on since before day 1 of creation

God always purposed this inheritance - if they'd be willing to receive it

Buying Christmas gifts early

Free drinks at Farmer's Market - it's why they were bought, to bless! People wanting to pay

I was...Our need is His need

- Hungry
- Thirsty
- Stranger
- Naked
- Sick
- Prison

Meeting a need. This is ministry.

I think we call far too many things ministry that might not minister to anyone but ourselves...

It's not visiting the hungry. Giving a drink to the naked.

Ministry is loving someone and meeting their need. Personal to Jesus.

Prison in this time different than our time

America as a nation sending out missionaries, hospitals (red cross)

Now nations are sending missionaries here - because what we evangelize is not the gospel

:37-40

The righteous will answer

Righteous = guiltless

Seemingly confused!

What? When did we do it to you?

The believer does it many times without even realizing it.
And didn't even realize they were doing it unto the Lord

There are those in this world who are adjacent to salvation -

they respect a Christian, they listen to the gospel, they'd be against the things of the enemy -
but they haven't come to faith personally

Podcasters, conservatives, friends, etc. many who will be left behind, some won't bow the knee

Colossians 3:23-25 And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.

Hebrews 13:2-3 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so [doing] some have unwittingly entertained angels. Remember the prisoners as if chained with them--those who are mistreated--since you yourselves are in the body also.

The King calls them his brethren - this is Jesus

The least of these, My brethren

The Jews and Christians during the Tribulation

- The world hates the Jewish people
- The world hates the Believer

Our power, influence, and favor in the world will diminish - and this is a good thing - the end, Jesus, is near

To the least

Doing things with a right motive

How often do we do something just to get repaid?

A trade. A favor. Fame.

That's works. You go to work to get paid. You do something selfless out of love.

Luke 14:12-14 Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. "But when you give a feast, invite [the] poor, [the] maimed, [the] lame, [the] blind. "And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Motive to bless. To minister. To win souls.

:41-45**Everlasting fire Prepared**

Just as the kingdom is prepared, so is the judgment

Hell was designed who? Not you!

for Satan and his angels

Kingdom for us. Hell for the enemy.

Why would a loving God send anyone to hell?

God desires that no one should perish.

If we end up in hell, it's not because God sent us there without consulting us first

- it's because we wanted it. We chose it.

Also flabbergasted, when did we not see you?

"If we knew it was you we would have!"

Did we not minister to you?

Ministry is service

Who's being served by your life?

The mark of ministry is actual service, not self-service

The permanence of decision - grace and consequences

I love CTRL+Z on the keyboard, running out of undo history

**They too seem to not know either,
think they have an excuse for their behavior**

(different heart)

Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

The invite is to know God. Not simply about him.

Knowing God ministers to us

- Feeds us, gives us drink
- Makes us family when we were strangers
- Clothes us in righteousness when we were naked in sin
- In prison to our sin and its consequences
- Sick and dying and dead because of the wages of sin

Almost the excuse...we would have if we knew it was you God

I get the sense that some of these folks were very religious, believed in God, creator, man upstairs - but had **no real relationship with Jesus himself**, personally

I'm good! I have a Bible. My church gives out Bibles.

If we love God, we'll love others

When we love others, we're loving God

When we minister to others, we're ministering to God

Sure, we need to be good stewards of the carpet, of the supplies

But not at the expense of people

*We clean the carpet to honor God so that people are comfortable and cared for when they come
We don't waste so that we have enough to meet needs that aren't our own selfish ones*

Kids cleaning rooms - i want them clean as it's nice, and it teaches responsibility - but most of all, because i value my children above all and don't want the most valuable thing to me being in squalor. I'd clean my truck, change it's oil, park it in a nice spot. How much more do i want my kids cared for

If we won't do it to the least we're not doing it for God

James 2:1,13 NKJV - My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, [the Lord] of glory, with partiality...So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

:46

What the judge decides is done

Not like our constant battles in courts and government

Everlasting punishment or eternal life

Punishment not for what was done but for what wasn't done.

What wasn't done with Jesus.

Correction punishment penalty

Never to cease - same word for both punishment and reward

Judgment based on works "moral kindness"

Age of grace.

We really take the cross for granted

Works = proof of salvation

Not works that save, works that prove

James 2:14-20 NKJV - What [does it] profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what [does it] profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

Especially during trib when it's slavery or death

Sins of omission

James 4:17 - Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do [it], to him it is sin.

vi. "But they have a will to sin ever; and being worthless they cannot satisfy God's justice in any time; therefore is their fire everlasting." (Trapp)

Might say that about the nature of fallen vs. heavenly angels. A will to or not to sin ever.
 Spirit beings don't cease to exist. All have a beginning none will have an end other than the end is hell forever

Life absolute fullness, real and genuine, active, animated

Annihilation or temporary punishment isn't the case. Just as long as eternity in heaven is it is the same in hell (can it feel longer as it's awful?) the clock never moving toward an end

Mark 9:42-48 (quoting Isaiah repeatedly)

***Their worm does not die,
 And the fire is not quenched.'***

The judgment post millenium. T

he releasing of Satan bound and the generations left for his kingdom make a final choice. They lived in the world under force. They lived in Jesus kingdom by force. **Which do they want?**

Everlasting punishment

Eternal life

The difference between the righteous and the cursed is the inheritance

Inherit eternal life

Inherit the curse

If we're still under the curse we inherit all that comes from the curse

If we've been freed from the curse all we'll inherit is blessing of the kingdom

Two "rewards" - blessing or curse

Two destinations - kingdom or outer darkness

One difference - Knowing the King

The test is if we **know** him or not - what do we do with what he's given us

And what he's given us is His son

And his son is knocking

Seeking us

Calling us

Are we ignoring him or walking with him?

Show your a son or daughter by your response to His love