

— Matthew 25.33-46 —
The Olivet Discourse
Separating Sheep from Goats 2

Mat 25.33 “And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ 37 Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ 40 And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ 41 Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ 44 Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ 45 Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

* Jesus concludes the Olivet Discourse with a warning that he, in that very generation, is going to bring about a ...

Scripture or in church history?

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* What are some common characteristics among these examples?

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* This will be a time of ...

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* What is Jesus signifying by the separation of sheep from goats?

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Eze 34.17 And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord GOD: “Behold, I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats ... 20 ... I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. 21 Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, 22 therefore I will save My flock ... 23 I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David ... 25 I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land ...”

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* What other examples of “sorting out” can we point to in

* One of the main Greek words for *judgment* is *krisis*, from

which we get our word ...

* Whenever God is doing a new work, he always sorts people out, and he always starts with ...

Rm. 14.9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Rv. 1.5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth ...

1Pet 4.17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

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* What are the key characteristics exhibited by those in whom God is working—those who show themselves to be true disciples, faithful through thick and thin?

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John 15.13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do what I command you ... 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

John 13.35 By this all will know you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

Prov. 25.21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; 22 For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

Ps. 22.1 "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?"

1Cor 15.3 For I delivered to you as of first importance that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures,

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