THE END TIMES: THE PARABLE OF THE SHEEP AND THE GOATS

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MATT. 25

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Matthew 25:31-46 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 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: Naked, and you clothed me: I was sick, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you hungry, and fed you? or thirsty, and gave you drink?

When saw we you a stranger, and took you in? or naked, and clothed you? Or when saw we you sick, or in prison, and came unto you? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Since you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, you cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was hungry, and you gave me no food: I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and you took me not in: naked, and you clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and you visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we you hungry, or thirsty or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto you? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Since you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

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• Jesus chooses these animals on purpose



• We are the Body of Christ

Acts 9:4-5 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? And he said, Who are you, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you persecute: it is hard for you to kick against the goads.

• Helping Christians in need is evidence of Faith



• What's the difference between the sheep and the goats?

• How do I know when I've done enough work that I'm a sheep?



- The difference is not "how much work they did"
- **o** The difference is their heart attitude



• Sheep and goats don't know what they are doing



• Sheep blindly follow their shepherd, without really knowing

- What they are doing
- Why they are doing what they are doing

• Sheep trust that "following the shepherd" is what is best for them

- They did good deeds without focusing on the good deeds
- They simply followed Jesus



• Goats refuse to listen to others

• The goats had no concern for the needs of people around them

- They refuse to listen to others (incl. God)
- Their lack of concern for others shows that their hearts were not transformed by God

SHEEP OR GOAT?

• The question is not: Do I serve people in need more than others do?

• Questions we need to ask ourselves:

- Do I follow my shepherd? Or am I following my own wisdom?
- Has my heart attitude been transformed by God?
- Do I have Jesus' love for people in my heart?
- Do my actions confirm how I answered these questions?



WHO AM I?

- **o** 5 foolish bridesmaids, and 5 wise bridesmaids
- o 2 wise servants, one foolish servant
- Sheep and goats



WHO AM I?

• Let's allow God to speak to us

