

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
FEBRUARY 3, 2021
MATTHEW 25:31-46

INTRODUCTION:

1. We are to always be prepared for the coming of Christ.
 - a) **MATTHEW 24.42:** *“Watch therefore...”* Gregoreo: Always be attentive.
 - b) **MATTHEW 24.44:** *“Therefore you also be ready”* Hetoimoi: Always be prepared.
 - c) **MATTHEW 24.44:** *“you do not expect”* Dokeite: To think.
 - d) **MATTHEW 24.50:** *“When he is not looking”* Prosdoka: Pros – “forward”; Doka – “look”
 - e) **MATTHEW 24.50:** *“not aware of”* Ginoskei: To know.
2. The best way to understand the concept of being ready is to look at the Israelites on the day of the Passover. (Ex. 12)
 - a) They were dressed and ready to go and a moment’s notice. (Ex. 12.11)
 - b) They were not to eat leavened bread or even have leaven in their homes. (Ex. 12.15,18-20)
 - c) They had to leave in haste with their cooking utensils packed. (Ex. 12.33,34)
 - d) They could not wait. (Ex.12.39; cf. Deut. 16.3)
3. We must be prepared to make our exit on a moment’s notice. How? Be Prepared (Matt. 25.1-13). Be Productive (Matt. 25.14-30). Be Compassionate (Matt. 25.31-46)

I. THERE WILL BE A SEPARATION

- A. What will Jesus say to those who are on the right? (Matt. 25.31-34)
 1. **MATTHEW 25.34:** *“Come”* An interjection.
 2. **MATTHEW 25.34:** *“You blessed of My Father.”*
 - a) Blessed (eulegeto): Eu – “good”; Legeto – “to speak.” To speak well of. Eulogy.
 - b) This is what the Father says about us. (John 5.30; Acts 17.30)
 3. **MATTHEW 25.34:** *“inherit the kingdom”* Not earned by good works. Not gifted to everyone. The kingdom is inherited by His children. (Rom. 8.17; 1 Pet. 1.3,4)
 4. **MATTHEW 25.34:** *“prepared for you from the foundation of the world.”*
- B. What will Jesus say to those who are on the left? (Matt. 25.41)
 1. **MATTHEW 25.41:** *“Depart from Me.”* They are characterized in two ways.
 - a) **MATTHEW 7.23:** *“I never knew you...you who practice lawlessness.”*
 - b) **LUKE 13.27:** *“I do not know you...you workers of iniquity.”*
 2. **MATTHEW 25.41:** *“you cursed”* Kataraomai: Literally, to pray down.
 3. **MATTHEW 25.41:** *“into everlasting fire.”* (Matt. 25.30; Mark 9.43-48)
 4. **MATTHEW 25.41:** *“prepared for the devil and his angels”* Just as heaven has been prepared for the saved, hell has been prepared for the wicked.

II. THERE WILL BE REASON GIVEN

- A. What is the basis of our being judged? It will be based on how well we treat each other.
 1. **MATTHEW 25.35-40:** Those on the right showed compassion on those in need.
 2. **MATTHEW 25.42-45:** Those on the left showed no compassion on those in need.
- B. How well do you treat those in need?
 1. We are to help others with their physical needs. **VERSE 35:** *“I was hungry”*
 2. We are to help others with their social needs. **VERSE 35:** *“I was a stranger”*
 3. We are to help others with their medical needs. **VERSE 36:** *“I was sick”*
 4. We are to help others with their emotional needs. **VERSE 36:** *“I was in prison”*