

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
FEBRUARY 10, 2021
MATTHEW 25:31-46

INTRODUCTION:

1. Three facts about the final day of judgment.
 - a) It will be a separation. Judgment (krisis): Separate; make a distinction. (Matt. 25.31-33)
 - b) It will be specific. Every individual will be judged. (2 Cor. 5.10; Heb. 9.27)
 - c) It will be surprising. (Matt. 7.21-23; Luke 13.25-28)
2. What will be the criterion of our judgment?
 - a) We will be judged by the words of Christ. (John 12.48-50; Rev. 20.12).
 - b) We will be judged by our own words. (Matt. 12.36,37)
 - c) We will be judged by our obedience to the gospel. (2 Thess. 1.7-10)
 - d) We will be judged by our deeds. (Rom. 2.6-11)
 - e) We will be judged by our secrets. (Rom. 2.14; Heb. 4.13)
3. Matthew 25 tells us that we will be judged by the way we treat one another.

I. DECLARATION

- A. **MATTHEW 25.35:** *“for I was hungry and you gave Me food”*
 1. We are to help other with their physical needs. (1 John 3.17)
 2. What can help me be more compassionate? Love! (1 John 3.18)
- B. **MATTHEW 25.35:** *“I was a stranger and you took Me in.”*
 1. Stranger (xenos): “foreigner” Someone who is unknown.
 2. We are to help others with their social needs. (Heb. 13.2; 3 John 5-8)
- C. **MATTHEW 25.36:** *“I was sick and you visited Me”*
 1. Visited (episkeptomai): Epi – “over”; Skopos – “to see” Episkopos – “overseer.”
 2. We are to help others when their sickness puts them in need. (Phil. 2.25-28)
- D. **MATTHEW 25.36:** *“I was in prison and you came to Me.”*

II. EXPLANATION

- A. The question.
 1. **MATTHEW 25.37:** *“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?’”*
 2. Why did they help the needy? (1 Pet. 1.22; 3.8; Col. 3.12-14)
- B. The answer.
 1. **MATTHEW 25.40:** *“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.’”*
 - a) Who are the “least of these My brethren?” (Matt. 12.48-50; Heb. 2.11)
 - b) Is our help to be limited only to fellow Christians? (Gal. 6.10)
 2. What we do to others and for others, we do to Christ. (Heb. 6.6; 1 Cor. 8.12).

III. DESTINATION

- A. **MATTHEW 25.46:** *“And these will go away into everlasting punishment”*
 1. Notice that it is a punishment. (Rom. 2.8,9)
 2. Notice that it is everlasting. (Mark 9.43-48)
- B. **MATTHEW 25.46:** *“but the righteous into eternal life.”*