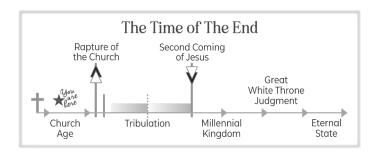
# A *Gracious* Warning of Coming Judgment

MATTHEW 25:31-46



#### I. A Visitation

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne." v. 31

## II. A \_\_\_\_\_Separation

"Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left." vv. 32-33

### III. A Evaluation

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by 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 welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." vv. 34-40

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal 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 did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer, 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?'

Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'" vv. 41-45

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# IV. A \_\_\_\_\_ Destination

"And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." v. 46

LIVING WITH The End IN MIND

Don't be a \_\_\_\_\_ when you can be God's \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY**

1. How have you longed for God's justice as you watch events unfold in this world?

#### **FOR THIS WEEK**

#### SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 25:40

"'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

#### JOURNAL: Matthew 25:31-46

"No one in Scripture spoke more of judgment than Jesus. He spoke of sin that could not be forgiven, of the danger of losing one's soul forever, of spending eternity in the torments of hell, of existing forever in outer darkness, where there will be perpetual weeping and gnashing of teeth. No pictures of judgment are more intense and sobering than those Jesus portrayed." JOHN MACARTHUR

"God never prepared hell for people. There is no evidence from Scripture that God predestines people to go to hell. If sinners listen to Satan, and follow his ways, they will end up where he ends up—in the torments of hell. There are only two eternal destinies: everlasting punishment for those who reject Christ or eternal life for those who trust Him." WARREN WIERSBE

"Faith has in it the recognition of the certainty and the justice of a judgment that is coming down crashing on every human head; and then from the midst of these fears and sorrows and the tempest of that great darkness there rises up in the night of terrors the shining of one perhaps pale, quivering, distant, but divinely given hope, 'My Saviour! My Saviour! He is righteous; He has died; He lives! I will stay no longer; I will cast myself upon Him!" ALEXANDER MACLAREN

"Take your stand on the Rock of Ages. Let death, let the judgment come: the victory is Christ's and yours through Him."

D. L. MOODY

"The polarization of all of the Olivet Discourse is moving toward the placing of Jesus Christ on the throne of this world. This is the message of the Gospel of Matthew-in fact, it is the message of the entire Word of God." J. VERNON MCGEE

2. Read Matthew 25:31-46. What is the Son of Man's criterion for judgment? How did the sermon help you understand this concept?

3. In what ways have you personally thought God seemed unfair in His criterion for salvation and judgment? On what can we focus as we learn to trust the Lord's perfect justice?

4. What have you learned about God in this study of the Olivet Discourse in Matthew 24-25? How did it encourage vour walk with Him?

5. The theme of *preparedness* permeates the Olivet Discourse. Whether in circumstances of peace or trouble, all believers are guaranteed to experience both (Matt 10:24-25; Jn 16:33). How can we be prepared for the Lord's return regardless of our circumstances?

#### JOURNAL Matthew 25:31-46

In what situations do you need to ask God for wisdom regarding His justice?

What distractions that keep you from being prepared for the Lord's coming do you need to put behind you?

Review your journal entries from this series in Matthew 24 and 25, noting anything you especially want to apply.

#### **COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL**

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

QUARTERLY DAY OF PRAYER Quarterly, we take time to gather and pray as a church family. Come be with us tomorrow, Nov. 7, in the Chapel from noon to 1 p.m. We will focus our attention and our prayers reminding ourselves of the truth that Jesus is the anchor for our salvation and our soul. Learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/qdop.

#### **GRIEFSHARE: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS**

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Soul Care's Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future. Join us on Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. - noon. Learn more and register by

visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/soulcare.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** Let's spread the joy of Jesus to children around the world this year! Operation Christmas Child is a ministry that sends Christmas gifts and the gospel message to children in need around the world every year — and you can help by filling a shoebox this holiday season! When you leave the service today, make sure to grab a shoebox right outside your worship venue. We'll be collecting shoeboxes up to Nov. 20. Learn more by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/occ.

**WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** The Christmas Brunch is here again! Get ready for all the joys that come with celebrating the birth of Jesus. Special friends, beautiful tables, great food and an encouraging Christmas message await us. Bring your friends and relatives, too! We can't wait to celebrate and worship together. Hosted at the Will Rogers Round Up Inn on Saturday. Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. - noon. Purchase tickets by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/brunch.

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LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

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