

The Sheep And The Goats

November 12, 2017 – Matthew 25:31-34; 41; 46

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left. Then the King will say to those on His right, Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world..... (See also Mark 13:1-37; Luke 21:5-38)

(God chose us in Christ Jesus before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight. Eph. 1:4)

Then He will say to those on His left, Depart from Me, you who are cursed into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

As you stand in line at the grocery store, or at the checkout counter at any location, are you able to tell which people are believers, and which are unbelievers? Are you able to tell which are righteous by the blood of Jesus and which are not? We of course cannot look into the heart of our fellow human being.

On the Last Day, The Lord Jesus will come with all His Holy Ones and He will come as Judge. He will know immediately who is a believer and who is an unbeliever. The Lord Jesus will be able to divide the believers and unbelievers as easily as a Shepherd divides the sheep from the goats.

You can picture the goat and the sheep. They are very different from each one. Some types of Goats include: Angora, Nubian, Toggenburg, Rocky Mountain Goat. Some types of Sheep include: Dorset, Lincoln, Southdown, and Hampshire. On the Last Day, ALL NATIONS will be gathered before the Lord as we are told

Vs. 32 – All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

It is at that time that the believers will be ushered into heaven, that inheritance which the Lord prepared for you since the creation of the world.

Vs. 34 – Then the King will say to those on His right, Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

As the Lord commends the Believers and ushers them into heaven with words of praise, the believers will ask:

When did we see you in need or hungry or any of these things listed?

The believers were not keeping track of their good deeds as though they were earning brownie points before God. Rather they simply produced fruit in keeping with repentance as they served God and God’s people.

On that Last Day, the Lord Jesus will also address the Unbelievers. The Lord Jesus will list things that they did not do. The Unbelievers will also ask “When did we see you in need, or hungry or in prison or any of those things listed by the Lord.” After this the Lord Jesus will then say:

Vs. 41 – Depart from Me, you who are cursed into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

Thank the Lord that He has brought us to faith in Christ Jesus our Risen and Living Savior.

I Peter 3:18 – For Christ died for sins, once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. AMEN