

Bible Study April 29, 2026

Matthew 25: 31-46 The Final Judgment

Jesus refers to Himself as the Son of Man, the humble servant who has come to forgive sinners, the suffering servant whose atoning death and resurrection will redeem His people, and the glorious King and Judge who will establish God's kingdom on earth. When Jesus returns, He will come in all His glory with the angels and He will be seated on the throne of God. He will draw all Nations before Him, and He will separate them as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

Read 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12; Rev. 14: 14-20

They will be on His right and left, sheep on the right, goats on the left.

Read Daniel 7: 9-14

Those on the right are called by Jesus in the name of the Father, set apart by grace and faith, not by works or actions, not by birthright but by the saving relationship with the Father and the Son.

The sheep are commended for their compassion towards those in need – the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger; for the naked, the sick, or those in prison. The righteous will inherit the kingdom of God, not because of the compassionate works they do, but from their transformed hearts in response to Jesus and His grace. The righteous discover their compassion to the least of these is the same as if done for Jesus Himself.

In contrast, those on the left, the goats, are condemned to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels (demons). They are condemned for their sins of omission. They have ignored the needs of people just as they have ignored Jesus.

Read Revelation 20: 11-15

Good News - Read Revelation 21: 1-4; 22-27; 22: 1-6