

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

The judgment of nations

³¹—When the Son of Man comes in his glory with all his angels, he will sit on the throne of his Glory. ³²All the nations will be brought before him, and as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³so will he do with them, placing the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

³⁴—The King will say to those on his right: ‘Come, blessed of my Father! Take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me drink. ³⁶I was a stranger and you welcomed me into your house. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to see me.’

³⁷—Then the good people will ask him: ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and give you food; thirsty and give you drink, ³⁸or a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹When did we see you sick or in prison and go to see you?’ ⁴⁰The King will answer, ‘Truly, I say to you: whenever you did this to these little ones who are my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.’

⁴¹—Then he will say to those on his left: ‘Go, cursed people, out of my sight into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels! ⁴²For I was hungry and you did not give me anything to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink; ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me into your house; I was naked and you did not clothe me; I was sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’

⁴⁴—They, too, will ask: ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry, thirsty, naked or a stranger, sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ ⁴⁵The King will answer them: ‘Truly, I say to you: whatever you did not do for one of these little ones, you did not do for me.’

⁴⁶—And these will go into eternal punishment, but the just to eternal life.

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