

## The Most Important Stuff

Mat.25:31-46

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***“...Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the Kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.”***

It is a precious thing to find favor in the eyes of the King. For each of us there are things that are more important to us than other things and in those areas we each want to find acceptance and success. Even the wicked seek glory and acceptance among their peers. Why? Humanly speaking, I think we are created with the need to belong and to fit in and have acceptance. These things give us security. To be an outcast is something feared.

Regardless of what humanity thinks it knows about the world and about life and death and beyond; regardless of their knowing about the existence of God and judgments to come the fact remains, He does and there is. The Holy Bible, which is the infallible Word of God, speaks to this fact and confirms God to be real and judgment to be the reality of all humanity.

Jesus, who is God's Son and who is the one to come bringing this judgment, has spoken about the event. Matthew 25:31-46 records the words spoken by Jesus for us to learn from and take to heart what will be the gauge that evaluates each person's acceptance. Keep this in mind, there are blessings and there is a Kingdom prepared since creation.

I know that there is a lot going on in these few verses such as: Who are the King's brothers? (v.40) Who are the ones blessed by the King's Father? (v.34) What ultimately qualifies a person to be a sheep and not a goat? (v.32-33)

These questions and their answers are important but for the sake of this lesson, Christians (those who have entered into salvation through the door provided by means of Jesus' shed blood) are the sheep. As sheep and as those who are blessed it seems good that we take into account what Jesus looks favorably towards.

What is most important to Jesus, who is The King, is how we express our true heart; being seen in how we treat our neighbor and brother and stranger and our fellow human being. This is not a new desire that God wants to find active and alive in His people. Look at the following passages: Zec.7:8-10; Psal.82:3-4; Prov.21:3; Isa.58:6-10; Mic.6:8; James 2:13-17; Mat.23:23 This has been the heart of God all along.

The most important stuff, the things that matter to Jesus is that we do good things freely of our own accord. Jesus does want His children to follow the rules of holiness because they are important but if we fail in having our hearts motivated by love towards our fellow human beings then we have missed what Jesus' heart and the heart of the Father are all about.

The rules to right living are for our benefit, the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath so to speak, when we live according to God's guidelines then we are truly "those blessed by the Father." As those who are blessed, to extend those blessings to those in need is an act of goodness demonstrating a heart touched by the love of the Father. What Jesus is looking for are hearts that understand His heart and the heart of the Father. The child reflecting the heart and actions of his or her father, this is most important.

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