

Two Kinds of People; Two Eternal Dwellings

Matthew 25:31-46

- 1) At Christ's glorious return, He sits on His throne (31)
 - a) Descends to Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:1-4); enters Jerusalem
 - b) Fulfillment of Davidic Covenant (2 Sam. 7:12-16)
- 2) From His throne Christ will judge the world (32-33)
 - a) Survivors of Tribulation are initially judged (32; cf. Rev. 20:11-15)
 - b) Sheep represent those who come to faith during the Tribulation
 - c) Goats represent all who ultimately reject Christ
- 3) Believers and unbelievers are known by their behaviors (34-45; cf. 12:33)
 - a) Christ's sheep serve one another
 - b) Goats (unbelievers) serve only themselves (Matt. 7:16, 20)
- 4) Everyone will live for eternity (46)
 - a) Christ's sheep will inherit God's kingdom and eternal life(34, 46)
 - b) Those who reject Christ (goats) will inherit eternal punishment (46)
- 5) Questions for reflection
 - a) If being a Christian was a crime, is there enough evidence to convict you?
 - b) Do you care to serve Christ? If so, are you serving His people?
 - c) Do you have works without faith? Faith without works?
 - d) What we do is important, but why do you do what you do?
To serve Christ out of love for Him or to attain His love?