

**Allen Temple Baptist Church**  
**Sunday School Live** 

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**February 23, 2025**

**Title: Ministering Mightily**

**Text: Matthew 25:31-46**

**Read: Matthew 25**

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# **LESSON OUTLINE**

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- 1). Introduction**
- 2). The Judge Matthew 25:31-33**
- 3). The Sheep-Matthew 25:34-40**
- 4). The Goats-Matthew 25:41-46**
- 5). Questions; Answers**
- 6). Review and Life Application.**

# Introduction

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**To minister to others in Jesus' name often means going where most others would not. Those who do so may wonder at times whether their efforts are significant. Today's lesson reveals the answer.**

# LESSON CONTEXT

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The setting of our lesson is during a busy day of teaching during the final week of Jesus' earthly ministry, as part of his "Olivet Discourse" of Matthew 24:3–25:46.

# LESSON CONTEXT

**The Olivet Discourse was set in motion when the disciples asked Jesus about the sign of his coming and of the end of the world Matthew 24:3**

# Matthew 25:31 NIV

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**<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne.**

# Matthew 25:32 NIV

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**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.

# Matthew 25:33 NIV

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**33 He will put the sheep on his right and  
the goats on his left**



# Matthew 25:34 NIV

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**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.**

# **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

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- 1. What must one do to be ready for the return of Christ the King?**
- 2. If Christ the King were to return today, how would he evaluate your faith?**

# Matthew 25:35 NIV

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**<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger, and you invited me in,**

# Matthew 25:36 NIV

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**<sup>36</sup> I needed clothes, and you clothed me, I was sick, and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to visit me.'**

# Matthew 25:37 NIV

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**37 “Then the righteous will answer him,  
‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and  
feed you, or thirsty and give you  
something to drink?’**

# Matthew 25:38-39 NIV

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**38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

# **KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER**

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- 1. Today, the world treats the Christian faith with contempt.**
- 2. Everyone will face Judgement.**

# Matthew 25:40 NIV

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<sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”



# Matthew 25:40 NIV

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And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife<sup>[e]</sup> or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

# Matthew 25:41 NIV

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**41** “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.’

# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

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- 1. How else can we serve God other than Sunday morning?**
- 2. What are the main differences between the sheep and Goats?**

# Matthew 25:42 NIV

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**42 For I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me nothing to drink,**

# Matthew 25:43 NIV

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**43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes, and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'**

# Matthew 25:44 NIV

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**44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’**

# Matthew 25:45 NIV

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<sup>45</sup> “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’”

# Matthew 25:46 NIV

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**46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”**



# Questions To Consider

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- 1. How would you respond to the claim that a loving God would not allow a person to have eternal punishment?**
- 2. What scripture answers the Question?**

# KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

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Jesus holds three positions:

**The King** on his glorious throne.

**A Shepherd** dividing sheep from goats.

**A Judge** determining the eternal destinies of those gathered before him.



# Something To Think About

**Religion without relationship  
is merely a ritual that renders  
no positive results.**

*MC. McCants*



# RESOURCES

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- **NEW INTERPRETERS NIV, NRSV BIBLE.**
- **THE NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGICAL INTRODUCTION. Donald Hagner**
- **STANDARD LESSON COMMENTARY.**