Series: Greater Love: True Religion

Message: God's Judgment

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46 (ESV)

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## Matt. 25: 31-46

- <sup>31</sup> When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.
- <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
- <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.
- <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
- <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.'
- <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?
- <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?
- <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'
- <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'
- 41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
- <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
- <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'
- <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?'
- <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'
- <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

See this day in light of the day that is to come.

- Because for Christ's sheep it will be a day of great joy (34-40)
  - o An extravagant blessing (34)
  - o An unexpected <u>reason</u> (35-40)
- Because for those who are not Christ's it will be a day of great sorrow (41-46)
  - o An irrevocable <u>curse</u> (41)
  - o A tragic <u>reason</u> (42-46)