

**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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<sup>33</sup> 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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<sup>37</sup> **“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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<sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> 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

<sup>43</sup> 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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<sup>44</sup> **“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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<sup>46</sup> **“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.