

The Sheep & the Goats

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Observation: What is happening here?

- **Context** – Matthew 25 contains three parables:
 - **Ten Virgins:** Preparation for the King
 - **Talents:** Stewarding what God has given
 - **Sheep & The Goats:** The Return of the King |
- v 31 – The Son of Man arrives in glory with His angels.
- vv 32–33 – All nations are gathered.
 - like a shepherd, He separates the sheep on the right and the goats on the left: *Ezekiel 34:11-17*
- vv 34–40 – The King commends the righteous for showing compassion. They are surprised that their ordinary acts of compassion reached the King.
- vv 41–45 – Those on the left do not show mercy and are condemned; they are surprised that their neglect mattered.
- v 46 – Two everlasting destinies are sealed: eternal punishment or eternal life.

Ontario Community Church: Encouraging, Equipping and Engaging lives for Christ.
John 6:47 (ESV) “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life”

Interpretation: What can we learn?

Ready the Way. Be a Steward

- Respond to Christ by living life prepared for the bridegrooms return, steward all you loving God and loving others.
- **Scripture:** *2 Corinthians 6:2; Hebrews 3:13-15; Matthew 24:44*

From Grace Comes Works

- Salvation is by grace alone. From Faith, comes action.
- Our action is our fruit. This fruit is evidence of our faith in Him!
- **Scripture:** *Ephesians 2:8-10; James 2:14-17, 1 John 3:17-18*

Christ is there for the least

- Serve God by serving others, never ignoring the least of these.
- Christ is there for the sick, the misfits, & his invitation is for all.
- **Scripture:** *Proverbs 19:17; Hebrews 13:2; Matthew 25:40-45*

Application: How should we live?

Respond Now: Seize the "Day of Salvation"

- **No one** knows the day or hour of the return of the King.
- What matters is your response to Christ's call
- **Scripture:** *2 Corinthians 6:2; Hebrews 3:13-15; Matthew 24:44*

Practice Stewardship: Time Talents, Treasure, Testimony

- Consider what God has given to you. How will you use it?
- Christ *will* return and settle accounts.
- **Scripture:** *Matthew 25:14-30; Ephesians 5:15-17; 1 Peter 4:10*

Witness Through Action: Words and Deeds

- Look over the six mercies (feeding, giving drink, welcoming, clothing, caring and visiting) as examples to serve others.
- **Scripture:** *Matthew 25:35-40; Isaiah 58:6-10; Colossians 3:17*