Text : Matthew 25:31-46; Daniel 7; 2 Thessalonians 1; Revelation 1

Title : "When the Son of Man comes in His glory"

#### INTRODUCTION

- 1. The 1<sup>st</sup> Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ
  - a) Prophesied
  - b) Fulfilled
  - c) As Saviour
- 2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ
  - a) Prophesied
  - b) Will be fulfilled
  - c) As King

### A DESCRIPTION OF THE RETURN OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 took Me in;

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

<sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

<sup>45</sup> Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

- 1. The Son of Man in His glory
  - a) He will be accompanied by angels
  - b) He will sit on a throne of glory
- 2. Judgment of the nations
  - a) All will be gathered
  - b) He will differentiate and separate
    - i) The sheep

They are "the righteous ones" Matthew 25:37

ii) The goats are "the cursed ones" Matthew 25:41

#### JUDGMENT OF THE RIGHTEOUS

# 1. Gracious words of commendation given to the sheep

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;

<sup>44 &</sup>quot;Then they also will answer Him, 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>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;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.' " Matthew 25:34-36

- a) Blessed of the Father
- b) Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world
- c) Reasons given:
  - i) For I was hungry and you gave Me food
  - ii) I was thirsty and you gave Me drink
  - iii) I was a stranger and you took Me in;
  - iv) I was naked and you clothed Me
  - v) I was sick and you visited Me
  - vi) I was in prison and you came to Me

### 2. The query of the righteous

- <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> When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?
- <sup>39</sup> Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' " Matthew 25:37-39
- a) They were puzzled
- b) What did the King mean?

## 3. The answer of the King

"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'" Matthew 25:40

- a) Ministering to the least of the brethren
- b) It was considered as done for the Lord

#### JUDGMENT OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS

## 1. Rebuke and condemnation of the unrighteous

<sup>41</sup> "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting 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 take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' "
Matthew 25:41-43

- a) They did nothing for those in need
- b) They did not minister to the Lord at all
- c) They are sent away into everlasting punishment

## 2. The Protest of the Unrighteous

<sup>44</sup> "Then they also will answer Him, 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, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch 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 everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Matthew 25:44-46

- a) They did not care for people in need
- b) They did not minister to the Lord
- c) Their fate is everlasting punishment

#### CONCLUSION

- 1. Let us not take our salvation for granted
- 2. Salvation that is true will see us have hearts that will care for people
- 3. Let us take heed that we are found among the sheep of God's pasture