

4. Word of blessing to those on His right hand

- a) Come, you blessed of My Father Matthew 25:34a
- b) Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world Matthew 25:34b

5. Reasons given

- a) I was hungry and you gave Me food Matthew 25:35a
- b) I was thirsty and you gave Me drink Matthew 25:35b
- c) I was a stranger and you took Me in Matthew 25:35c
- d) I was naked and you clothed Me Matthew 25:36a
- e) I was sick and you visited Me Matthew 25:36b
- f) I was in prison and you came to Me Matthew 25:36c

6. Response of the righteous

- a) Lord, when did we see You hungry
and feed You? Matthew 25:37a
- b) Or thirsty and gave You drink? Matthew 25:37b
- c) When did we see You a stranger
and take You in? Matthew 25:38a
- d) Or naked and clothe You? Matthew 25:38b
- e) Or when did we see You sick,
or in prison, and come to You? Matthew 25:39

7. The further response of the Lord

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

8. Word of Judgment to those on the left hand

a) Depart from Me, you cursed, Matthew 25:41a

b) Into the everlasting fire
prepared for the devil and his angels Matthew 25:41b

9. Reasons for this word of Judgment

a) I was hungry and you gave me no food Matthew 25:42a

b) I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink Matthew 25:42b

c) I was a stranger and you did not take Me in Matthew 25:43a

d) Naked and you did not clothe Me Matthew 25:43b

e) Sick and in prison and you did not visit Me Matthew 25:43c

10. The query of those on the left hand

a) Lord, when did we see You hungry

b) Or thirsty

c) Or a stranger

d) Or naked

e) Or sick

f) Or in prison

g) And did not minister to You? Matthew 25:44

11. The response of the Lord

a) Then He will answer them, saying

b) Assuredly, I say to you,

c) Inasmuch as you did not do it to one
of the least of these, you did not do it to Me Matthew 25:45

d) And these will go away
into everlasting punishment Matthew 25:46a

e) But the righteous into eternal life

Matthew 25:46b

LESSONS FROM THIS PARABLE

1. The Righteous

a) Those who are declared “righteous”

i) Justified by faith Romans 5:1

ii) Imputed righteousness Romans 4:3 (Example of Abraham)

iii) No condemnation Romans 8:1

b) Expressions of the truly righteous

i) There will be a heart of compassion

ii) There will be practical care for people in need

2. The Unrighteous

a) They have not come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ

b) They do not have imputed righteousness

c) They will be judged according to their deeds

3. The Reality of Eternity

a) Eternity with God

b) Eternity without God

4. Challenges

a) Personal

i) Check salvation

ii) Check life

b) Caring for people

i) Natural concern

ii) Practical concern