

"Ye Did It Not"

Matthew 25:45

Review Context of Matthew 25

- ▶ The Jews cast out. **Matthew 21**
- ▶ The final debate. **Matthew 22**
- ▶ The judicial sentence. **Matthew 23**
- ▶ Destruction of the Temple foretold. **Matthew 24:1-2**
- ▶ **THE QUESTION OF THE DISCIPLES.** *"Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matthew 24:3)*

Review Context of Matthew 25

- ▶ **"BUT OF THAT DAY AND HOUR ... "**
Matthew 24:36
- ▶ The expressions, *"the day," "the great day," "that day,"* and *"that hour,"* are known expressions in Scriptures for the final day of judgment. **Matthew 7:22; Matthew 11:22, 24; Matthew 12:36**

Review Context of Matthew 25

- ▶ **"Knoweth no man."** **Matthew 24:36**
- ▶ Three parables following illustrate the suddenness and unexpectedness of the Lord's coming.
 - **Matthew 24:45-51** Parable of the Servants.
 - **Matthew 25:1-13** Parable of the Ten Virgins.
 - **Matthew 25:14-30** Parable of the Talents.

THE JUDGMENT. Matthew 25:31-46

- The judgment will be universal.**
- ▶ Judgment of **Matthew 25:31-46** reveals ALL NATIONS standing before the throne of Christ.
 - **cf. Revelation 20:11-13.**
 - ▶ Judgment will be according to works.
cf. Matthew 25:40, 45; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:10

THE JUDGMENT Matthew 25:31-46

**It is essential that we listen
when Jesus warns ...**

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

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Some will be lost, but NOT because of ...

- A refusal to obey the gospel.
cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9
- The commission of positive sins.
Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8
- Not a failure to confess Christ.
Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46

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The reason for their eternal condemnation was a failure to do! cf. James 4:17

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The nature of these things ...

- ▶ **They were possible.** God does not require the impossible of us. **2 Corinthians 8:12**
- ▶ **They were small.** A small morsel of bread or cup of water. **Matthew 10:42**
- ▶ **They would have been so helpful.** **Matthew 25:42-44**

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The Lord's estimate of those who failed to do and to prepare.

- He called the virgins **foolish**. **25:8**
- He called the one-talent man **"wicked and slothful."** **25:26**
- He referred to these as **unfit for heaven**. **25:41**

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The Reason For Our Failure To Do What We Can

- ▶ **Sometimes we do not know of the needs of others.** **Philippians 4:10**
 - We must look for opportunities. (**"Lift up your eyes..." John 4:35**)
 - We must seize them when we find them. **Colossians 4:5**
- ▶ **"We can't do every thing."**
 - True that no individual nor congregation can do it all. **1 Corinthians 12:12ff**
 - But, am I doing my share? What I can? **cf. Mark 14:3-8**

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The Reason For Our Failure To Do What We Can.

Fear of doing the wrong thing.

- ▶ The Pharisees' excuse was fear of violating the law **cf. John 9:16**, but they were selfish. **Matthew 23:4-5**

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The Reason For Our Failure To Do What We Can.

The main reason for not doing is unconcern and selfishness.

- Too many do not care. **James 2:14f.**
- Others look the other way like the priest and Levite. **Luke 10:31f.**

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The Reason We Must Do What We Can.

The teaching of Christ.

- To say and do not is hypocrisy. **Matthew 23:3**
- The wise man is he who hears and DOES. **Matthew 7:24-27**
- His true kindred are those who **DO**! **Matthew 12:46-50**
- Failure to prepare by doing means condemnation. **Matthew 25**

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The Reason We Must Do What We Can

The example of Christ.

- He went about doing good. **Acts 10:38**
- He was touched with the feeling of others' infirmities. **Hebrews 4:15**
- He was called the friend of publicans and sinners. **Matthew 11:19**

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The Reason We Must Do What We Can.

The identification with Christ.

- Sharing with others is sharing with Christ. **"Ye did it unto me"** **Matthew 25:40**
- What we do with or for others is what we do with or for Christ. **cf. Acts 9:4**

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Conclusion:

Doing and not doing contrasted:

- Serving Christ, serving self
- Pure religion (**James 1:27**), vain religion
- Come ye blessed, depart ye cursed. **Matthew 25:34,41**

Let us remember that the sin of **omission** will damn us eternally as quickly as the sin of **commission**.

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