

The Final Judgment of All Men

Sermon 73 in the Matthew Series

I. Overview of the Final Judgment

(Some material from Dr. Sam Waldron lectures on eschatology & commentary on the Confession)

A. The Confessional Overview – Chapter 32 – Of the Last Judgment

Some might argue, why would you appeal to a man-made document like a confession instead of going to the Scriptures?

1. God hath appointed a day wherein he will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ; to whom all power and judgment is given of the Father; in which day, not only the apostate angels shall be judged, but likewise all persons that have lived upon the earth shall appear before the tribunal of Christ, to give an account of their thoughts, words, and deeds, and to receive according to what they have done in the body, whether good or evil. ([Acts 17:31](#); [John 5:22, 27](#); [1 Corinthians 6:3](#); [Jude 6](#); [2 Corinthians 5:10](#); [Ecclesiastes 12:14](#); [Matthew 12:36](#); [Romans 14:10, 12](#); [Matthew 25:32-46](#))

Paragraph 1

- 1) All men and angels will be judged on that day.
 - 2) Jesus Christ is the righteous judge.
 - 3) Our thoughts, words and deeds will be judged.
2. The end of God's appointing this day, is for the manifestation of the glory of his mercy, in the eternal salvation of the elect; and of his justice, in the eternal damnation of the reprobate, who are wicked and disobedient; for then shall the righteous go into everlasting life, and receive that fulness of joy and glory with everlasting rewards, in the presence of the Lord; but the wicked, who know not God, and obey not the gospel of Jesus Christ, shall be cast aside into everlasting torments, and punished with everlasting destruction, from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. ([Romans 9:22, 23](#); [Matthew 25:21, 34](#); [2 Timothy 4:8](#); [Matthew 25:46](#); [Mark 9:48](#); [2 Thessalonians 1:7-10](#))

Paragraph 2 -- There are two reasons for this judgment.

- 1) For God to be glorified because of His mercy
 - 2) For God to be glorified because of His justice.
3. As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin, and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity, so will he have the day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come, and may ever be prepared to say, *Come Lord Jesus; come quickly.* Amen. ([2 Corinthians 5:10, 11](#); [2 Thessalonians 1:5-7](#); [Mark 13:35-37](#); [Luke 12:35-40](#); [Revelation 22:20](#))

Practical truths and applications we can make because when the Second Coming and the Final Judgment will occur are unknown to us.

B. The Timing of the Final Judgment

Immediately with the Second Coming of Christ.

Matthew 16:27 (see 24-28); 2 Thess. 1:5-10; 2 Peter 3:1-14

C. The Judge and Those Judged

Christ is the judge and everyone will be judged.

Acts 17:31; 10:42; John 5:22, 27

II. The Parable of the Talents Matthew 25:14-30

A. The Distribution -- 14-18

B. The Day of Reckoning – 19

C. The Two Faithful Servants – 19-23

D. The Wicked Servant – 24-27

1. His wicked attitude toward the master 24-25
2. The wicked servant is judged by his own words 26-27

E. The Eternal State -- 25:28-30

III. Separating the Sheep from the Goats 25:31-46

A judgment of works – usually found in most of the passages that deal with the Final Judgment.

v. 31 – the second coming – the angels are in attendance – and the judgment begins.

v. 32-33 – It is not the nations that are separated – it is the people of all the nations (*ethne*)

v. 34-40 – Those on the Right hand (the sheep)

They produced fruit (and the parable gives some examples of good works that come from a regenerated heart)

v. 41-46 – Those on the Left hand (the goats)

Final Applications