

## “The King Repays the Nations”

Matthew 25:31–46

**Big Idea: When Christ the King comes in his glory, he will sit as judge over all mankind.**

- I. The King will gather all people and separate the righteous from the wicked. (verses 31–33)
  - A. This king is the messianic Son of Man, who will come in full heavenly glory. (verse 31a)
  - B. This event will happen when he comes to establish his undisputed reign. (verse 31b)
  - C. The angels will gather all mankind of all nations, both living and dead. (verse 32a)
  - D. Christ will divide the gathered people into two groups: beloved sheep and rejected goats. (verse 32b–33)
- II. The King will welcome the righteous and reveal their warmhearted love for him. (verses 34–40)
  - A. They will be welcomed according to the electing grace of God the Father. (verse 34a)
  - B. They will inherit the kingdom for which they were eternally chosen. (verse 34b)
  - C. Their warmhearted care for Christ’s brothers will prove their love for Christ himself. (verses 35–40)
- III. The King will banish the wicked and expose their coldhearted rejection of him. (verses 41–45)
  - A. They will be banished under God’s curse into eternal fire. (verse 41)
  - B. They will be cursed to share this doom of the fallen angels. (verse 41)
  - C. Their coldhearted dismissal of Christ’s brothers will prove their rejection of Christ himself. (verses 42–45)
- IV. The King’s verdict will be final for both the wicked and the righteous. (verse 46)
  - A. The wicked will be consigned to eternal punishment. (verse 46a)
  - B. The righteous will inherit eternal life. (verse 46b)