

International Bible Lesson

Five Applications from Matthew 25:31-46

1. Jesus' brother wrote in James 2:17, "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." Goats do not help Jesus' people in need.
2. From the very beginning, from the foundation of the world, God created a kingdom for the true followers of King Jesus to inherit.
3. As the Good Shepherd who gave His life as a ransom for sinners, Jesus will eventually separate those who faithfully follow Him from those who will not. Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15).
4. The eternal fire was prepared for the devil and his angels, but the goats, the cursed, those who will not love and help their neighbors, will go with the devil into eternal punishment [the devil is often depicted as a goat].
5. No one needs to perish, they can turn to Jesus, become a sheep, and follow Him. In John 10:27, 28 Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."

Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes

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