

The Final Judgment

Matthew 25:31-46 (Prophecies of Jesus)

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Common elements in Jesus' three parables from the Olivet Discourse:

1. Only _____ thing matters – how each person responded to the main character.
2. Absent [main] character was gone an _____
_____.
3. Absent character _____ and _____.
 - a. Rewarded those who _____ in Him and His character.
 - b. Punished those who _____ Him.
 - c. Trust, or lack thereof, was reflected in their _____.

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- "I'm coming" (24:4-36)
- "Be ready" (24:37-25:30)
- "Judgement follows" (25:31-46)

Breakdown of the judgement portion:

- I. Judgement of all _____ (v. 31-33)
- II. The _____ rewarded (v. 34-40)
 - They didn't realize what they had done
 - We still need _____ (Heb. 10:24-25)
 - They were righteous _____ their good works (cf. Jn. 6:29)

III. The wicked _____ (v. 41-46)

- They were _____ (they didn't realize what they had *not* done)
- Sent _____ to "the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (v. 41c)

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4. Only **one** thing matters – how each person responded to the main character.
5. Absent [main] character was gone an **extended time**.
6. Absent character **returned** and **judged**.
 - a. Rewarded those who **trusted** in Him and His character.
 - b. Punished those who **rejected** Him.
 - c. Trust, or lack thereof, was reflected in their **actions**.

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IV. Judgement of all **people** (v. 31-33)

V. The **righteous** rewarded (v. 34-40)

- They didn't realize what they had done
- We still need **encouragement** (Heb. 10:24-25)
- They were righteous **before** their good works (cf. Jn. 6:29)

VI. The wicked **punished** (v. 41-46)

- They were **surprised** (they didn't realize what they had *not* done)
- Sent **directly** to "the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (v. 41c)