

Be Clear

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Matthew 25:31-46

You have heard it said, "Some people live today like there is no tomorrow." Perhaps you have heard the philosophy, "Eat, drink, and be merry today, for tomorrow you die." These lifestyles seem to be based on the idea that there is nothing eternal about life! In Matthew 25, Jesus was very clear, when He returns, there will be an eternal separation between the righteous and the unrighteous. The righteous will enter eternal life, and the unrighteous will enter eternal punishment. The key word here is "eternal". Billy Graham has said, "The Bible teaches whether we are saved or lost, there is an everlasting existence of the soul." As we conclude Jesus' teaching commonly called "The Olivet Discourse," we are reminded:

BE READY FOR THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST, BECAUSE WHEN HE RETURNS, THERE WILL BE AN ETERNAL SEPARATION BETWEEN THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE UNRIGHTEOUS!!

A CLEAR PROCLAMATION - Jesus will return and establish His Kingdom (v. 31)

<u>A CLEAR SEPARATION</u> – When Jesus returns, He will separate the righteous from the unrighteous! (vs. 32-33)

A CLEAR DISTINCTION – When Jesus returns He will judge everyone! (vs. 34-45)
A CLEAR DESTINATION – When Jesus returns there will be an eternal destination for everyone! (v.46)
Matthew 25:46 "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Daniel 12:2; John 3:36; Matthew 10:28)
· The unrighteous will enter eternal punishment (v. 41) (Matthew 3:12, 13:41-42, 49-40; Mark 9:48-49; Luke 16:19-31; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 20:14–15)
• The righteous will enter eternal life (v. 34) (John 3:15; 2 Corinthians 5:4)