

Judgment of Gentiles

At The End Of The Tribulation

Matthew 25:31-46

This section of Matthew 24-25 is so important that we have spent two Sundays of introduction in the study.

First we noted the principle that if you do not understand world history from the standpoint of the Jews, you do not understand history from God's perspective.

Then we noted out of the genealogy of Matthew 1:11-12 how important the *deportation to Babylon* was in understanding **The Times of the Gentiles** and the 490 years promised to Israel by God.

This took our study of that history up to the incarnation and crucifixion and resurrection of JESUS CHRIST; stopping at the 490 years promised to Israel *seven years short*.

These seven years make up the seven years known as The Tribulation, which ends with the termination of **The Times of the Gentiles**. (Luke 21:24) We also noted the Biblical prophecy of **The Times of the Gentiles** in Daniel 2 and 7.

Then we studied the Baptism of Fire where we saw that this is the Judgment by Jesus that will take place when Jesus returns to earth and has won the Armageddon campaign, where He will judge all unbelievers casting them off the earth while all believers will go into the Millennial Kingdom. There is a **Baptism of Fire** for the Jews and a **Baptism of Fire** for the Gentiles.

Here we noted the **Seven Baptisms** recorded in the bible and the **Seven Major Judgments** in the Bible. We noted how the **Baptism of Fire** is prophesied in Matthew 3:11-12; Luke 3:16; and 2 Thessalonians 1:7.

We closed with Joel 3:1-17 and Zechariah 14:1-2.

We answered the questions

Who, When, Where and Why

Who is the Judge	Jesus the Christ
Who is to be judged:	Gentiles on earth
When:	After the Second Advent and after the Armageddon campaign, and after restoring the fortunes of Israel
Where:	Valley of Jehoshaphat
Why:	Rejection of Jesus as the promised Messiah, scattering the Jews throughout the world, dividing up the land of Israel and selling Jews into slavery.

Now we are ready to look into Matthew 25:31ff.

First you will note right away in verses 31-33;

We are told who the Judge is;
Who is going to be judged; and
The judgment;

The Judge is is the **Son of man**
Those being judged are the **Gentiles** on earth
The Judgment is the separation between **believers** (sheep) and
non-believers (goats) and, people, this is the way it
is in time (history of man) and for all eternity,
believers separated from unbelievers.

Matthew 25:31

³¹ *“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory,*

Most commentaries, and teachers of the WORD OF GOD spend little time... no more than a sentence or paragraph... on these two declarations:

Son of Man...in His Glory,

But I want you to understand all that the Holy Spirit is saying to us through these words of Jesus.

If you desire to have a rich personal, intimate relationship with JESUS CHRIST, then heed the words of Peter.

First: 1 Peter 2:2

² *like newborn babies, long for (stay thirsty for) the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,*

How were you saved?

By FAITH... upon the hearing of the Gospel.

How do you grow as a Christian?

By FAITH... in the hearing of sound teaching of the WORD OF GOD.

Add to this: 2 Peter 3:18

¹⁸ *but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity.*
Amen.

The more you know about JESUS CHRIST, the more intimate will be your relationship with Him. Know Him and relate to Him in the multitude of titles He has; like this one *Son of Man*.

In the context of Matthew 25:31, this is JESUS CHRIST coming after His Burial, Resurrection and Ascension and Session at the right hand of God on the throne of God, coming to earth to be victorious in the Armageddon campaign.

I cannot tell you how important the title of JESUS CHRIST used here, *Son of Man*, is to this context. The title Son of Man is an all-inclusive title of JESUS CHRIST in His Humanity;

it explains why He came to earth in the incarnation and why He will be coming back to judge and reign.

Son of Man

- 1 This was JESUS CHRIST favorite reference to Himself, He does make this reference some 80 times. Think of this in reference to JESUS CHRIST;
He has **always been God but now He is MAN** He is the God-man in one person, not man-god (Mormons) but He has always existed as Deity, but in a point in time (*fullness of time*) (Christmas) God became Man, and this title: **Son of Man** was JESUS CHRIST favorite reference to Himself.
- 2 This title refers to the **Humanity of JESUS CHRIST**, Son of God--refers to His Deity: together: Hypostatic Union.
- 3 By this title JESUS CHRIST **represents** All Human Race on the Cross; not just Jews--King of David, Messiah, but every Gentile and every Jew.

This title *Son of Man* super-cedes all Jewish titles in that by this title JESUS CHRIST represents the entire human race on the Cross; not just one race, BUT ALL RACES.

God created the different races, man created racial discrimination and racial problems. Racial problems will not be completely resolved until JESUS CHRIST reigns in the Millennial Kingdom. Until that time, the solution to racial problems is found at the Cross.

4. Extremely important:

By this title JESUS CHRIST represents the human race, and is the servant of the human race. Failure to understand this title and all that it means is why so many try to ADD to work of JESUS CHRIST on Cross.

As Son of Man JESUS CHRIST paid our debt **in full**.
He represented every member of human race.

As Son of Man JESUS CHRIST did **all** that was necessary for our Salvation so that all we have to do is **to believe on Him** for He has paid the debt, He has satisfied the Righteousness and Justice of God on the Cross.

And all we have to do as unbelievers **is to believe ...and as a matter of truth that is all we have to do as believers.**

Look at 1 John 2:1

- ¹ *My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone* (believers) *sins*, [and we sin every day;] (mental attitude sins, sins of the tongue and overt sins) *we have an Advocate with the Father, JESUS CHRIST the righteous*; (remember this is the great issue in Salvation and in recovery from sin by faith.)
- ² *and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.*

Verse 2 Solution to the sin problem of the believer is the same for the unbeliever. The unbeliever needs to recover from the Penalty of Sin while the believer needs to recover from the Power of Sin.

John is discussing believer—and the problem of the power of sin in their lives. And his point is that what we have to do to recover from power of sin, and regain the Holy Spirit to walk in Light is exact same thing that we did as unbelievers **by grace through faith.**

God sent His Son to restore us from the Penalty of sin
and
God sent His Spirit to restores us from the Power of sin

When John says *and He Himself* refer to JESUS **CHRIST** *is the propitiation for our sins* John is here speaking of sins of a believer; when you and I sin, as believers we have to recover from sin, from the power of sin, from being in sin as believers **now:**

HOW?

How are we going to recover?

John is very clear here that we recover from sin as believers just as we did as unbelievers.

² He Himself is the Propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

And just as the whole world –unbelievers recover from sin in that same pattern we, as believers, recover from the power of sin in our Christian life.

This is what John is teaching, and how did we recover from the Penalty of sin as unbelievers? By FAITH... and it is going to be by FAITH that we will recover as believers.

So the title “*Son of Man*” is the title of work of JESUS CHRIST for entire human race....

5. We are not saved by the works of man nor by the will of man; that is... man does nothing to be saved, he does nothing, he says nothing **he simply believes in the person and work of the Son of Man, the only one God the Father sent to Propitiate His Righteousness and Justice.**

Because of the person and work of the Son of Man.

6. This is why **IT IS THE SON OF MAN WHO IS TO BE GLORIFIED! THE *SON OF MAN*** the servant of all mankind is the instrument of the Glory of God on this earth--only JESUS CHRIST can glorify God the Father on the Cross...
7. There is so much more we could study in regards to the title of Son of Man, but there is one verse that is crucial to our study in Matthew 25.

John 5:26

26 *“For just as the Father God the Father has life in Himself, even so He gave to the Son the*

Humanity of the Son of Man, as the second member of the Godhead Jesus has always possessed life just as the Father and the Holy Spirit. *also to have life in Himself;*

Now the verse crucial to our study:

²⁷ *and He* God the Father *gave Him* the Son of Man, Jesus the Christ *authority to execute judgment,*
because He is the Son of Man.

And we are studying JESUS CHRIST judging all living Gentiles at the end of the Armageddon campaign.

Christian, you do not have the authority to pass judgment on One Another. This is a prerogative that belongs to JESUS CHRIST.

There are two things that most Christians love to do:

Judge God and **Judge One Another**

*“Why doesn’t God do something to them?
Their behavior offends me!”*

In this one statement you are judging others and you are judging God.

1 Corinthians 4:5

⁵ *Therefore do not go on passing judgment (on One Another) before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in*

the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God. (You do not know enough to judge others! Only JESUS CHRIST knows all the true facts.)

John 5:27

27 *and He* (God the Father) *gave Him* (the Son of Man, Jesus the Christ) *authority to execute judgment,*
because He is the Son of Man.

Ok, there three (3) pertinent judgments in context here:

- (1) Judgment by JESUS CHRIST of all believers of the Church Age at the Judgment Seat of Christ.
- (2) Judgment by JESUS CHRIST at His Second Advent, Baptism of Fire on Jews and Baptism of Fire on all Gentiles, which is what we are here studying.
- (3) Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the Millennium – the end of human history.

Now let us look back to Matthew 25:31

31 *“But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on*

His glorious throne.

I told you this verse is packed with things we need to know: Look at the next phrase *comes in glory*

Look at a pertinent passage John 13:31

31 *Therefore when he had gone out,* (Judas had gone out to betray Jesus to the religious crowd leading to His crucifixion) *Jesus *said, "Now (crucifixion) is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him;*

We have seen the title Son of Man related to judgment, now we see the title Son of Man related to His Glory. Now note something important.

31 *Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in Him*

First **Son of Man is Glorified...**

Then **God the Father is glorified**

32 *if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately.*

Five (5) times in 2 verses we have the verb: **doxazo**

It means to recognize,
to honor,
to praise,
to invest with dignity;
To glorify or Honor someone.

Out of 5 occurrences of the verb the first 3 are

Aorist Passive Indicative.

And the last 2 occurrences are

Future Active Indicative.

Now is Son of Man glorified:

Aorist tense:	Point of the Cross;
Passive voice:	Son receives glorification from God the Father for His work on the Cross.
Indicative mood:	Reality of Glorification brought on by the Cross.

and God is glorified in Him

Aorist tense:	Point of the Cross.
Passive voice:	God the Father receives Glory at the point of the Cross - work of Son of Man
Indicative mood:	Reality of Glorification brought on by the Cross.

32 *If God is Glorified in Him* (1st class condition in the Greek and He is Glorified, so we will translate this) *since God is glorified in Him* (God the Father is Glorified in the Glorification of JESUS CHRIST.)

IF ~ since GOD (refers to God the Father;) *is Glorified*

Aorist tense:	God is glorified by the Cross work of JESUS CHRIST.
Passive voice:	God receives the Glory and
Indicative mood:	is the reality of this occurrence at the Cross.

God will also glorify Him (JESUS CHRIST) in Himself:

same verb, only this time, we have Future Active Indicative of the verb.

Future tense:	refers to the Cross – work of JESUS CHRIST and the glory given to Him by God the Father at the Ascension and Session of JESUS CHRIST at the right hand of God the Father at the throne in heaven..
Passive voice:	God the Father will glorify His Son by having His Son sit at His right-hand.
Indicative mood:	denotes reality

Don't miss the all importance of the phrase: *in Himself* and it

means that God the Father will glorify JESUS CHRIST in the Glorification of Himself.

When Christ is Glorified --God is Glorified!

And will glorify Him immediately

Future tense:	at the ascension of JESUS CHRIST to throne of God
Passive voice:	God the Father will glorify JESUS CHRIST
Indicative mood:	reality of what happened after The Resurrection and Ascension of JESUS CHRIST.

- 1 Son of Man is Glorified by His WORK of the Cross. – Work of JESUS CHRIST on Cross is the greatest work from Eternity-Past to Eternity-Future.

(And some people try to offer God their measly works of morality or religious rituals, etc.)

The Cross glorifies God the Father by revealing His Righteousness and His Love and it Glorifies the Son of God, the Son of Man.

This is the Glorification of **one of our own**...member of human race, our representative in this pre-historic battle... JESUS CHRIST, the Son of Man.

- 2 Son of Man is glorified in being the Demonstration of

WHERE THE PERFECT RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD AND THE LOVE OF GOD MEET AT THE CROSS. Righteousness and Love are the great issue at the Cross. And JESUS CHRIST represents the Righteousness of God the Love of God at the Cross.

Glorification of JESUS CHRIST is based on the Righteousness and LOVE -same Love we can love—under the power of the Holy Spirit. Glorification is related to Love; so, when you think about New Commandment – Spiritual Love *to love*

One Another as I have loved you just remember it is this same LOVE that brought Glorification of JESUS CHRIST, your Savior. It was this Love that saved you from eternal condemnation—

- 3 Son of Man is glorified because by His work on Cross, He defeated the ancient enemy: SATAN. Think about this, **a member of human race, JESUS CHRIST, defeated the enemy of God.**

Hebrews 2:14

14 *Therefore, since the children (human race) share in flesh and blood, He Himself (JESUS CHRIST) likewise also partook of the same, (incarnation) that through death (Spiritual death of JESUS CHRIST on the Cross) He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,*

15 *and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.*

Everyone who believes in Jesus as the Christ.

1. As Son of Man, -JESUS CHRIST submitted totally to the authority of God

Think about this: the representative of the human race, JESUS CHRIST, in perfect humanity, became lower than the angels, decided that God was more important than His own free will, His own desires, and, therefore, submitted to the authority, and Plan of God even to the point of the shameful death on the Cross that involved immeasurable suffering. –are you ready to submit totally to the Plan of God for your life?

This is something that Satan in all his glory and magnificence refused to do, would not do.

This is why God is glorified in the Son of Man.

2. By propitiating – satisfying the Righteousness of God on the Cross... By being the demonstration of the Love of God, JESUS CHRIST is glorified on the Cross.

Because of sin [the problem], the barrier between the Holiness of God (**His Perfect Righteousness** and **His Justice**) and man in a sinful state due to the imputation of Adam's Original Sin... all this presented a problem;

And the Love of God and the Love of JESUS CHRIST **solved** the problem.

When you think of the glorification of JESUS CHRIST, you must think in terms of the **ANGELIC CONFLICT**.

Satan threw down the gauntlet in Job 14:4

4 *“Who can make the clean out of the unclean?”*

No one!

When Satan uttered these words he did not anticipate the magnitude of the Love of God. Love triumphs over Judgment.
The Holiness of God is the problem and only the Love of God can solve it.

Only the Love of God is of such magnitude to propitiate the Holiness of God.

Satan impugned both the Righteousness and the Love of God—both God’s Perfect Righteousness and His Love are at the very center of the **ANGELIC CONFLICT** and when the Son of Man came and died on Cross HE Glorified both the Righteousness and the Love of God.

5. So in summary, JESUS CHRIST is glorified by doing what Satan could never do and by resolving the great paradox of how “Can God Make Righteous that which is unrighteous?”... “Make Pure that which is Impure?”
The whole human race!

This phrase is based on important fact that we MUST know about God.

God’s aim is to be Glorified
God Desires to be Glorified in conflict

You do not glorify God by offering Him your works, your righteousness, your morality, etc. and then expect Him to save you or bless you based on these works of yours.

The greatest glory you can give God is to Trust Him!

I trust You that you did everything necessary for my salvation and for my restoration from the power of Sin and for everything I need in life. You are all sufficient.

Isaiah 43:10

10 *“You are My witnesses,” declares the LORD,
“And My servant whom I have chosen,
So that you may know and believe Me And
understand that I am He. Before Me there was
no God formed, And there will be none after
Me.*

11 *“I, even I, am the LORD, And there is no savior
besides Me.*

12 *“It is I who have declared and saved and
proclaimed, And there was no strange
god among you; So you are My
witnesses,” declares the LORD, “And I
am God.*

13 *“Even from eternity I am He,*