

A HOLE IN THE GOSPEL?

"God never asks us to give what we do not have . . . But he cannot use what we will not give." Richard Stearns World Vision

SHEEP & the GOATS

- *Get a glimpse of the future –** told what is going to happen before it happens.
- *God works in our world one person at a time.**
- *Both groups knew who was before them.**
-Verse 37 & 44
- *The only difference between the sheep and the goats**
-What they did and didn't do.
- *Faith found no expression**
Is faith that finds no expression of compassion faith at all? Is it really faith or is it fake, false, bogus and artificial? Is it faith or just a belief system that has no effect? Knowledge that makes no difference. It is good to know but makes no difference in knowing.
- *Truth about Jesus life**
Jesus did not spend every waking hour helping the poor. He ate with the wealthy, went to weddings and parties, taught at the synagogues and did some carpentry projects on the side. But his life was evidenced by his actions.

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Matthew 25:31-46 (NIV)

⁽³¹⁾ "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. ⁽³²⁾ All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ⁽³³⁾ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ⁽³⁴⁾ "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ⁽³⁵⁾ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ⁽³⁶⁾ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' ⁽³⁷⁾ "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ⁽³⁸⁾ "When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?' ⁽³⁹⁾ "When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' ⁽⁴⁰⁾ "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' ⁽⁴¹⁾ "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁽⁴²⁾ For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁽⁴³⁾ I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' ⁽⁴⁴⁾ "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' ⁽⁴⁵⁾ "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' ⁽⁴⁶⁾ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

"Live as if Christ died yesterday, rose this morning and is coming back tomorrow." Luther

Tim's Paraphrase

"For I was hungry, while you had all you needed to eat while watching the food network. I was thirsty while you drank bottled water. I was a stranger, and you wanted me deported because I came here to find a better life illegally. I needed clothes while you shopped for another outfit that will spend the majority of time in your closet. I was sick and you pointed out my behaviors that had caused my sickness. I was in prison, and you said I was getting what I deserved."

"Don't fail to do something just because you can't do everything." Bob Pierce