

Valley Bible Church
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Judgment of the Nation
Part 3
Matthew 25:31-46
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Introduction: The theme of judgment is throughout the Bible, Old and New Testaments. The Old Testament is mostly concerned with earthly judgments while the New Testament concerned mostly with eternal judgment.

1. The Judge: The “Son of Man” will be the judge (**verse 31**). Jesus used this title over 80 times to refer to Himself.
2. The Place of Judgment: The judgment will take place before “His glorious throne” (**verse 31**). His throne during the millennium will be established in Jerusalem (**Jeremiah 3:17**).
3. The Subject of the Judgment: Everyone, both Jew and Gentile, who survives the tribulation, will be a part of this judgment. This is clear when it says, “and all the nations will be gathered before Him” (**verse 32**).
4. The Description of the Judgment: (**verses 32-46**)

The nations are literally separated into two groups: the sheep on His right and the goats on His left.

How was their position decided (**verse 34**)? Come you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom. They are receiving this blessing through an inheritance. This is a matter of relationship, son ship, being a part of the family of God.

“Depart from Me accursed ones” (**verse 41**). They had no relationship with the Lord. They are not part of God’s family. They have not exercised faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. They had no love for the family of God.