

August 18, 2024
Matthew 25:31-46
“Metamorphosis”

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Metamorphosis, “A change of the form or nature of a thing or person into a completely different one, by natural or supernatural means.” To go from an old goat to a sheep is a miracle! **II Corinthians 5:17**.

These words found in **Matthew 24-25** were spoken by our Lord only 3 days before His suffering on the cross. By the way **v 40** tells us that Jesus is our Brother, not our Father.

“Jesus sketched the entire course of the world until the end (24:4-14); he followed this with a sketch of the destruction of Jerusalem and of the Jewish nation (24:15-28); and to this he added the account of his actual Parousia (24:29-31). Then came the admonitory sections that were marked especially by three parables (24:32-25:30). Jesus needed yet to add the description of the final judgment itself (25:31-46). Beyond question this entire series forms one of the grandest and the most important of Jesus’ discourses.” *R. C. H. Lenski*

“The Son Of Man” is the incarnate Second Person of the Godhead. At His First Coming He came in His humility. When He returns, His Second Coming, He will come in His glory, hallelujah! Parousia is the word used to refer to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ our Savior.

In **v 41**, grammatically speaking, the fire has its own article, the eternal has its own article, and lastly the place prepared; all of this raises its terrible nature to the ultimate degree. A final fixed eternal unchangeable fate. No annihilation. Hell was made for the devil and his angels. Accompanying them will be men and women who turned from God to the devil. **Matt. 7:13**.

There are things that will be brought up at the Judgment Seat Of Christ that we simply have forgotten about, but not our Lord! These kind deeds in the mundane days of life are huge in God’s eyes. A life defined by: daily kindness, compassion, love, meekness, and humility mark a righteous life lived for the cause of Christ. No change-no Jesus. **II Corinthians 5:17**.

“Jesus sought to draw men to Himself not only through the attractiveness of salvation but through the horrors of its only alternative.” . . . The good deeds commended in **Matthew 25:35-36** are the fruit, not the root of salvation. Gleaned from *John MacArthur*

Application:

Practical lessons were given for those who will actually live through the Tribulation. Jesus encourages all to faithfulness, watchfulness, and preparedness. These are relevant to us now and all who will be in the midst of all this turmoil.

John 10:27, “My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me.”

