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PARABLE OF SHEEP AND GOATS (MATTHEW 25:31- 46)



The Bible says that Jesus taught parables to explain what his kingdom is like. One kingdom parable was about sheep and goats. To understand the parable, we need to learn a little about sheep and goats.

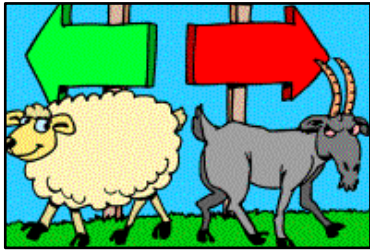
Sheep can't really live on their own. They need a shepherd. They feel very good when their shepherd is around. They will follow him anywhere, because they have learned to trust him. They know that when it rains, the shepherd is the one who gently moves them to shelter. When they are hungry, the shepherd will take them to a pasture with grass. They know that the shepherd loves them and gives them everything they need.



Goats are stubborn. They do things their own way. They eat anything, even trash. A goat will often eat every bit of the food. Even a mama goat will let the babies go hungry. She just uses her head to bump them out of the way so she can have their dinner! They don't always follow the shepherd.

Sheep and goats can be in the same herd. But at the end of the day the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Jesus told a parable about a king who went away. Then the king came back in glory with all the angels. He sits on his throne. Then he separates people.





The King gathers everyone. He tells some people to go to the right – those people are like the sheep. People who are like goats go to the left. That’s why we call this the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats.

Jesus is a real king. His forever kingdom is wonderful! He will say to the people on his right, “Come into my kingdom that is prepared for you. You are welcome in my kingdom. When I was hungry, you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. You gave me clothes when I was poor. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me.”



The people will ask, “When did we do all of those things?” Jesus will say, “**When you were kind to others it was like you were being kind to me.**”

Then he will say to those on his left, “Depart from me. You will not be in my kingdom. You didn’t show kindness to other people. So, you were not kind to me.”



The goats lived a selfish life. They saw lots of people in need. But they didn’t show kindness to them.

Remember Jesus’ words, “**Do unto others as you would have them do to you.**” When we trust and follow Jesus, we are filled with love and we want to be kind. We want to follow Jesus like sheep follow their shepherd. But people who don’t follow Jesus are like the goats who just want to live their own way. Sadly, when the King comes back to sort the sheep and the goats, the goats will not get to be with Him forever.

**Trust Jesus! Love God! Love others!
He will take us to live in his kingdom forever!**

Serve Jesus by doing good.

Count those serving Jesus. Trace the numbers.



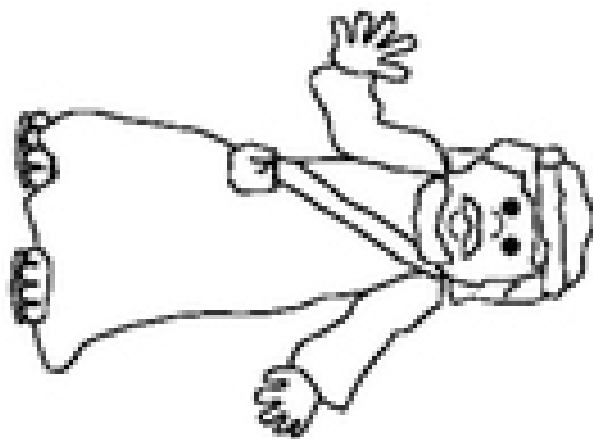
All the nations will be gathered before the Son of Man, and He will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Then what would happen?

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| | come | left | after | right | those | hungry | blessed | thirsty | something |
| | gave | sick | drink | sheep | world | looked | clothes | creation | inheritance |

"He will put the _____ 2 _____ on His _____ 4 _____ and the _____ 1 _____ on His _____ 23 _____. Then the _____ 10 _____ will say to _____ 6 _____ on His _____ 4 _____, ' _____ 17 _____, you who are _____ 8 _____ by My _____ 3 _____, _____ 20 _____ your _____ 13 _____, the _____ 16 _____ _____ 9 _____ for you _____ 14 _____ the _____ 17A _____ of the _____ 24 _____. For I was _____ 5 _____ and you _____ 12 _____ Me _____ 7 _____ to _____ 18 _____, I was _____ 15 _____ and you _____ 12 _____ Me _____ 7 _____ to _____ 26 _____, ... I _____ 21 _____ _____ 22 _____ and you clothed Me, I was _____ 11 _____ and you _____ 25 _____ _____ 19 _____ Me."




LUKE
6:31



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