

V. THE FINAL VERDICT

⁴⁶ *“And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”* Matthew 25:46

The righteous experience eternal life and the unrighteous eternal punishment.

V. BIBLICAL MODELS OF MAKING HEAVEN CROWDED BY CARING

A. Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

³⁶ *“’So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?’*

³⁷ *And he said, ‘He who showed mercy on him.’ Then Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’”*

Luke 10:36-37

B. Tabitha’s ministry (Acts 9:36-42)

³⁶ *“At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did.”*

Acts 9:36

C. James teaches that saving faith will work (James 2:14-26).

¹⁷ *“Thus, also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.*

¹⁸ *But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”* James 2:17-18

D. Peter teaches living out God’s care (I Peter 5:7).

⁷ *“casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”* I Peter 5:7

MAKE HEAVEN CROWDED BY CARING

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Introduction:

A. Do you ever wonder what heaven will be like? One thing we know is that God’s ultimate victory culminates with a massive crowd in heaven praising God. And it will include people from every nation, tribe, people and language.

⁹ *“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,*

¹⁰ *and crying out with a loud voice; saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”* Revelation 7:9-10

God invites us to join Him in making heaven crowded. Jesus’ last command was to, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations”* (Matthew 28:19a). And the Greek word for *“nations”* (ethnos) in Jesus’ command is exactly the same as the word in Revelation 7:9.

B. But there’s a problem, many people are unreached and at the moment there will be some empty sections in heaven. Join us for the Make Heaven Crowded Missions Focus & Teaching Series to draw closer to God and discover what you can do to expand the crowd in heaven.

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C. **TEXT:** Matthew 25:31-46

Key Verse: *“And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’”* Matthew 25:40

HOW TO MAKE HEAVEN CROWDED BY CARING

I. THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM DEMANDS ACTION

⁷ *“And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’*

⁸ *Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”*

Matthew 10:7-8

- Jesus revealed the Gospel has two inseparable parts: the message we proclaim and the love we demonstrate in caring for others.
- Jesus gave His first disciples a clear and radical mission- The Great Commission of Caring. We are to demonstrate acts of kindness based on this powerful charge: “Freely you have received, freely give” Matthew 10:8b.
- Jesus calls us not only to preach the Good News, but to be the Good News!

II. THE IMMINENT RETURN OF THE KING

³¹ *“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*

³² *All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.*

³³ *And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.”* Matthew 25:31-33

- The Son of Man comes in glory with the angels.
- All nations gathered before Him.
- He separates people just as a shepherd does.

III. THE JUDGEMENT OF THE RIGHTEOUS

³⁴ *“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

³⁵ *for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;*

³⁶ *I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’*

³⁷ *“Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?*

³⁸ *When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?*

³⁹ *Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’*

⁴⁰ *And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’”* Matthew 25:34-40

The righteous cared for Jesus by caring for others.

IV. THE JUDGEMENT OF THE UNRIGHTEOUS

⁴¹ *“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:*

⁴² *for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink;*

⁴³ *I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’*

⁴⁴ *“Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’*

⁴⁵ *Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’”* Matthew 25:41-45

Jesus condemns the unrighteous because they failed to care for others.