

## "Ye Did It Not"

Matthew 25:45

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## Review Context of Matthew 25

- The Jews cast out. **Matthew 21**
- The final debate. **Matthew 22**
- The Judicial Sentence. **Matthew 23**
- Destruction of the Temple foretold. **Matthew 24:1-2**
- **THE QUESTION OF THE DISCIPLES.**  
*"Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? (Matthew 24:3)*

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## Review Context of Matthew 25

- **"BUT OF THAT DAY AND HOUR ..."** **Matthew 24:36**
- The expressions, *"the day," "the great day," "that day,"* and *"that hour,"* are known expressions in Scriptures for the final day of judgment. (**Matthew 7:22; Matthew 11:22, 24; Matthew 12:36**)

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## Review Context of Matthew 25

- **"Knoweth no man."** **Matthew 24:36**
- Three parables following illustrate the suddenness and unexpectedness of the Lord's coming
  - **Matthew 24:45-51** Parable of the Servants.
  - **Matthew 25:1-13** Parable of the Ten Virgins.
  - **Matthew 25:14-30** Parable of the Talents.

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## THE JUDGMENT Matthew 25:31-46

- Other passages teach that the second coming will be attended by the final judgment.**
- **1 Corinthians 4:5** Christ will judge both the good and the evil at His coming. cf. **2 Timothy 4:1**
  - **Matthew 16:27** All the dead and the living will be judged at His coming. cf. **2 Thessalonians 1:7-10**

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- The judgment at the second coming will be universal.**
- Judgment of **Matthew 25:31-46** reveals ALL NATIONS standing before the throne of Christ.
    - cf. **Revelation 20:11-13.**
  - Judgment will be according to works. cf. **Matthew 25:40, 45; cf. 2 Corinthians 5:10**

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## THE JUDGMENT

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It is essential that we listen when Jesus warns ...

*"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."*

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Some will be lost, but NOT because of ...

- A refusal to obey the gospel.  
**Romans 6:17f.; Hebrews 5:8f.; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; (cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)**
- The commission of positive sins.  
**Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21 :8**
- Not a failure to confess Christ.  
**Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46**

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The reason for their eternal condemnation was a failure to do! (cf. James 4:17)

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The nature of these things...

- They were possible. God does not require the impossible of us. (**2 Corinthians 8:12**)
- They were small. Not one's whole living (cf. widow, **Luke 21:4**), but a small morsel of bread or cup of water (**Matthew 10:42**).
- They would have been so helpful. (**Matthew 25:42-44; Read: Romans 14:13**)

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The Lord's estimate of those who failed to do and to prepare.

- He called the virgins *foolish* (**25:8**)
- He called the one-talent man "*wicked and slothful*" (**25:26**)
- He referred to these as *unfit for heaven* (**25:41**)

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## The Reasons For Our Failure To Do What We Can

Sometimes we do not know of the needs of others.  
**Philippians 4:10**

- We must look for opportunities. ("*Lift up your eyes ...*" **John 4:35**)
- We must seize them when we find them. (**Colossians 4:5**)
- "*We can't do every thing.*"
  - True that no individual nor congregation can do it all. (**1 Corinthians 12:12ff**)
  - But, am I doing my share? What I can? (**cf. Mk. 14:3-8**)

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#### Fear of doing the wrong thing.

- The Pharisees' excuse was fear of violating the law (cf. **John 9:16**), but they were selfish (**Matthew 23:4-5**)

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### The Reasons For Our Failure To Do What We Can

#### The main reason for not doing is unconcern and selfishness.

- Too many do not care. **James 2 :14f.**
- Others look the other way like the priest and Levite. (**Luke 10 :31f.**)

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### The Reasons We Must Do What We Can

#### The teaching of Christ.

- To say and do not is hypocrisy. **Matthew 23:3**
- The wise man is he who hears and does. **Matthew 7:24-27**
- His true kindred are those who DO! **Matthew 12:46-50**
- Failure to prepare by doing means condemnation. **Matthew 25**

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### The Reasons For Our Failure To Do What We Can

#### The example of Christ.

- He went about doing good. (**Acts 10:38**)
- He was touched with the feeling of others' infirmities. (**Hebrews 4:15**)
- He was called the friend of publicans and sinners. (**Matthew 11:19**)

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### The Reasons For Our Failure To Do What We Can

#### The identification with Christ.

- Sharing with others is sharing with Christ. *"Ye did it unto me"* (**Matthew 25:40**).
- What we do with or for others is what we do with or for Christ. **cf. Acts 9:4; Hebrews 13:1-2**

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### Conclusion:

#### Doing and not doing contrasted:

- Serving Christ, serving self
- Pure religion (**James 1:27**), vain religion
- Come ye blessed, depart ye cursed. **Matthew 25:34,41**

Let us remember that the sin of omission will damn us eternally as quickly as the sin of commission.

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