



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Matthew 25: 31-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,
and all the angels with him,

he will sit upon his glorious throne,

and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another,

as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

Then the king will say to those on his right,

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

For I was hungry and you gave me food,

I was thirsty and you gave me drink,

a stranger and you welcomed me,

naked and you clothed me,

ill and you cared for me,

in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,

or thirsty and give you drink?

When did we see you a stranger and welcome you,

or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'
And the king will say to them in reply,
'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did
for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'
Then he will say to those on his left,
'Depart from me, you accursed,
into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels.
For I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
a stranger and you gave me no welcome,
naked and you gave me no clothing,
ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'
Then they will answer and say,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison,
and not minister to your needs?'
He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you,
what you did not do for one of these least ones,
you did not do for me.'
And these will go off to eternal punishment,
but the righteous to eternal life."

Our Scripture Reflection

Today's powerful Gospel reading serves as a call to action for all people who dare call themselves Christian. Serving the needs of those who are hurting or in need is not an extra added attraction. Humble service is meant to be a basic characteristic of a follower of Christ. Our eternal salvation depends on it.

Food for your Journey

The last judgment represents the conviction that there is a real distinction between good and evil, that everything is not relative, that it matters which we choose and what we do, that at last Christ will see to it that good will triumph and be rewarded with the nearer presence of God.

--Wallace Alston

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear God, Open my eyes in faith so that I may see and respond to the needs of those who are less fortunate in this life. In doing so may I be found worthy one day to dwell in the life that never ends. Amen