



Dreaming With **Confidence** and
Preparing for the Last Days

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Text: Matthew 25:31–43 (NKJV)

Big Question: If God were to come right now are you confident that you are in good standing?

Side Questions:

- What would the basis of your confidence in your standing?
- Would it be your church attendance, giving habits, or religious title?

Typical Answer from a confident Christian: Romans 10:9-10 (NKJV)

- **Romans 10:9–10:** that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- **Ephesians 2:8–9** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that **not of yourselves**; it is the gift of God, 9 **not of works**, lest anyone should boast.

I. A Big Judgment Described

Matthew 25:31–43 (NKJV): 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.

II. The Personal Nature of the Judgement Described:

Sheep and Goats

33 And He will set the **sheep** on His right hand, but the **goats** on the left. 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:

III. The Practical Reason For the Judgment Described

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.**

Note these people: The hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, the prisoner, etc.

IV. The Basis and Result of the Judgement Explained

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.**’



Note: When you fed the hungry, thirsty, stranger, naked, sick, and prisoner you did it to me

V. The Bad Results of the Judgement for Some

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.**’

Summary: NOTE WHAT HE DOES NOT SAY

- A. **You are separated** from God because you did not go to church or sing in the choir
- B. **You are separated** from God because you did not live a perfect life
- C. **You are separated** from God because your **works** did not line up with your **“faith”**

Remember: Your actions speak louder than your words

Closing: Note what James says about balancing faith and works in his own words

- **James 2:14 (NKJV)** What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does **not have works? Can faith save him?**
- **James 2:17: 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.**
19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that **faith without works is dead?**
v21 Was not **Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac** his son on the altar? 22 Do you see that **faith was working together with his works**, and by works faith was made perfect (*or mature*)? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God. 24 **You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.**

Next Two Times Together:

1. **The Gift Women Should Never Forget On Mother’s Day**

Big Question: Are you a confident woman who sees her life calling

2. **Dreaming With Financial Clarity**

Big Question: Are you clear about the power that your finances can give you?

Reminder: The annual question is ‘How do you dream again?’

- A. Dream With a Strategy
- B. Dream With Maturity
- C. Dream With a Plan
- D. Dream With Confidence
- E. Dream With Financial Clarity