

The Parable of the Net and Final Judgment

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Matthew 13:47-51 NASB

47 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea, and gathering fish of every kind;

48 and when it was filled, they drew it up on the beach; and they sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but the bad they threw away.

49 "**SO IT WILL BE AT THE END OF THE AGE; THE ANGELS WILL COME FORTH AND TAKE OUT THE WICKED FROM AMONG THE RIGHTEOUS,**

50 AND WILL THROW THEM INTO THE FURNACE OF FIRE; IN THAT PLACE THERE WILL BE WEeping AND GNASHING OF TEETH.

51 "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes."

The Parable of the Final Judgment(s)

- Every person, with no exception, will stand before God and receive His final judgment upon their life, either eternal life in Heaven or eternal damnation in Hell.

Hebrews 9:27 NASB

27 And inasmuch as **IT IS APPOINTED FOR MEN TO DIE ONCE AND AFTER THIS COMES JUDGMENT.**

- Heaven and Hell are real and literal. Hell is every bit as horrific as heaven is wonderful; both are beyond our imagination.
- To disbelieve God's final judgment, heaven and hell, is to remove all moral restraint. If there is no judgment, everyone can do whatever is right in their own eyes with no consequence. Truth and goodness are subjective and relative; there are no absolutes.
- The choices we make in this life determine our eternal address. How careful we must be in our thoughts, motives, words, actions and conduct!

Matthew 25:31-46 NASB

31 "**BUT WHEN THE SON OF MAN COMES IN HIS GLORY, AND ALL THE ANGELS WITH HIM, THEN HE WILL SIT ON HIS GLORIOUS THRONE.**

32 "**ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE GATHERED BEFORE HIM; AND HE WILL SEPARATE THEM FROM ONE ANOTHER, AS THE SHEPHERD SEPARATES THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS;**

33 AND HE WILL PUT THE SHEEP ON HIS RIGHT, AND THE GOATS ON THE LEFT.

34 "**THEN THE KING WILL SAY TO THOSE ON HIS RIGHT, 'COME, YOU WHO ARE 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 something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;

36 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, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You something to drink?'

38 'And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You?
39 'When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'
40 "The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'
41 **"THEN HE WILL ALSO SAY TO THOSE ON HIS LEFT, 'DEPART FROM ME, ACCURSED ONES, INTO THE ETERNAL FIRE WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE DEVIL AND HIS ANGELS;**
42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink;
43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.'
44 "Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?'
45 "Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'
46 **"THESE WILL GO AWAY INTO ETERNAL PUNISHMENT, BUT THE RIGHTEOUS INTO ETERNAL LIFE."**

HELL

Luke 16:19-31 NASB

19 "Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day.
20 "And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,
21 and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.
22 **"NOW THE POOR MAN DIED AND WAS CARRIED AWAY BY THE ANGELS TO ABRAHAM'S BOSOM; AND THE RICH MAN ALSO DIED AND WAS BURIED.**
23 **"IN HADES HE LIFTED UP HIS EYES, BEING IN TORMENT, AND SAW ABRAHAM FAR AWAY AND LAZARUS IN HIS BOSOM.**
24 **"AND HE CRIED OUT AND SAID, 'FATHER ABRAHAM, HAVE MERCY ON ME, AND SEND LAZARUS SO THAT HE MAY DIP THE TIP OF HIS FINGER IN WATER AND COOL OFF MY TONGUE, FOR I AM IN AGONY IN THIS FLAME.'**
25 **"BUT ABRAHAM SAID, 'CHILD, REMEMBER THAT DURING YOUR LIFE YOU RECEIVED YOUR GOOD THINGS, AND LIKEWISE LAZARUS BAD THINGS; BUT NOW HE IS BEING COMFORTED HERE, AND YOU ARE IN AGONY.**
26 **'AND BESIDES ALL THIS, BETWEEN US AND YOU THERE IS A GREAT CHASM FIXED, SO THAT THOSE WHO WISH TO COME OVER FROM HERE TO YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE, AND THAT NONE MAY CROSS OVER FROM THERE TO US.'**
27 "And he said, 'THEN I BEG YOU, FATHER, THAT YOU SEND HIM TO MY FATHER'S HOUSE--
28 **FOR I HAVE FIVE BROTHERS--IN ORDER THAT HE MAY WARN THEM, SO THAT THEY WILL NOT ALSO COME TO THIS PLACE OF TORMENT.'**
29 "But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'
30 "But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!'
31 "But he said to him, **'IF THEY DO NOT LISTEN TO MOSES AND THE PROPHETS, THEY WILL NOT BE PERSUADED EVEN IF SOMEONE RISES FROM THE DEAD.'**

Mark 9:43-44 NASB

43 "If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, **TO GO INTO HELL, INTO THE UNQUENCHABLE FIRE,**

44 [**WHERE THEIR WORM (*skōlēx* - maggot, worm which preys on dead bodies) DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.**]

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 NASB

6 For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,

7 and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well **WHEN THE LORD JESUS WILL BE REVEALED FROM HEAVEN WITH HIS MIGHTY ANGELS IN FLAMING FIRE,**

8 **DEALING OUT RETRIBUTION TO THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW GOD AND TO THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS.**

9 **THESE WILL PAY THE PENALTY OF ETERNAL DESTRUCTION, AWAY FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD AND FROM THE GLORY OF HIS POWER,**

10 when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed--for our testimony to you was believed.

Revelation 14:9-11 NASB

9 Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,

10 **HE ALSO WILL DRINK OF THE WINE OF THE WRATH OF GOD, WHICH IS MIXED IN FULL STRENGTH IN THE CUP OF HIS ANGER; AND HE WILL BE TORMENTED WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY ANGELS AND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE LAMB.**

11 **"AND THE SMOKE OF THEIR TORMENT GOES UP FOREVER AND EVER; THEY HAVE NO REST DAY AND NIGHT,** those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Jude 1:12-13 NASB

12 These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted;

13 wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, **FOR WHOM THE BLACK (*zophos* - the darkness of the nether world, darkness, mist) DARKNESS HAS BEEN RESERVED FOREVER.**

Revelation 20:10 NASB

10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and **THEY WILL BE TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT FOREVER AND EVER.**

HEAVEN

Revelation 21:1-5 NASB

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea.

2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "**BEHOLD, THE TABERNACLE OF GOD IS AMONG MEN, AND HE WILL DWELL AMONG THEM, AND THEY SHALL BE HIS PEOPLE, AND GOD HIMSELF WILL BE AMONG THEM,**

4 **AND HE WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES; AND THERE WILL NO LONGER BE ANY DEATH; THERE WILL NO LONGER BE ANY MOURNING, OR CRYING, OR PAIN; THE FIRST THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY.**"

5 And He who sits on the throne said, "**BEHOLD, I AM MAKING ALL THINGS NEW.**" And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

Luke 16:22-25 NASB

22 "**NOW THE POOR MAN DIED AND WAS CARRIED AWAY BY THE ANGELS TO ABRAHAM'S BOSOM**; and the rich man also died and was buried.

23 "in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and **LAZARUS IN HIS BOSOM**.

24 "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'

25 "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; **BUT NOW HE IS BEING COMFORTED HERE**, and you are in agony.

Revelation 4:1-11 NASB

1 After these things I looked, and behold, **A DOOR STANDING OPEN IN HEAVEN**, and the first voice which I had heard, like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after these things."

2 **IMMEDIATELY I WAS IN THE SPIRIT; AND BEHOLD, A THRONE WAS STANDING IN HEAVEN, AND ONE SITTING ON THE THRONE.**

3 And He who was sitting was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones; and upon the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white garments, and golden crowns on their heads.

5 Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God;

6 and before the throne there was something like a sea of glass, like crystal; and in the center and around the throne, four living creatures full of eyes in front and behind.

7 The first creature was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face like that of a man, and the fourth creature was like a flying eagle.

8 And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; **AND DAY AND NIGHT THEY DO NOT CEASE TO SAY, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY IS THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME."**

9 **AND WHEN THE LIVING CREATURES GIVE GLORY AND HONOR AND THANKS TO HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, TO HIM WHO LIVES FOREVER AND EVER,**

10 **THE TWENTY-FOUR ELDERS WILL FALL DOWN BEFORE HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, AND WILL WORSHIP HIM WHO LIVES FOREVER AND EVER, AND WILL CAST THEIR CROWNS BEFORE THE THRONE, SAYING,**

11 **"WORTHY ARE YOU, OUR LORD AND OUR GOD, TO RECEIVE GLORY AND HONOR AND POWER; FOR YOU CREATED ALL THINGS, AND BECAUSE OF YOUR WILL THEY EXISTED, AND WERE CREATED."**

Revelation 21:10-27 NASB

10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and **SHOWED ME THE HOLY CITY, JERUSALEM, COMING DOWN OUT OF HEAVEN FROM GOD,**

11 **HAVING THE GLORY OF GOD.** Her brilliance was like a very costly stone, as a stone of crystal-clear jasper.

12 It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.

13 There were three gates on the east and three gates on the north and three gates on the south and three gates on the west.

14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

15 The one who spoke with me had a gold measuring rod to measure the city, and its gates and its wall.

16 The city is laid out as a square, and its length is as great as the width; and he measured the city with the rod, fifteen hundred miles; its length and width and height are equal.

17 And he measured its wall, seventy-two yards, according to human measurements, which are also angelic measurements.

18 The material of the wall was jasper; and the city was pure gold, like clear glass.

19 The foundation stones of the city wall were adorned with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation stone was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;

20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh, jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst.

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass.

22 **I SAW NO TEMPLE IN IT, FOR THE LORD GOD THE ALMIGHTY AND THE LAMB ARE ITS TEMPLE.**

23 **AND THE CITY HAS NO NEED OF THE SUN OR OF THE MOON TO SHINE ON IT, FOR THE GLORY OF GOD HAS ILLUMINED IT, AND ITS LAMP IS THE LAMB.**

24 **THE NATIONS WILL WALK BY ITS LIGHT, AND THE KINGS OF THE EARTH WILL BRING THEIR GLORY INTO IT.**

25 **IN THE DAYTIME (FOR THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT THERE) ITS GATES WILL NEVER BE CLOSED;**

26 **AND THEY WILL BRING THE GLORY AND THE HONOR OF THE NATIONS INTO IT;**

27 **AND NOTHING UNCLEAN, AND NO ONE WHO PRACTICES ABOMINATION AND LYING, SHALL EVER COME INTO IT, BUT ONLY THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE.**

THE FINAL JUDGMENTS

Acts 24:14-16 NASB

14 [Paul] "But this I admit to you, that according to the Way which they call a sect I do serve the God of our fathers, believing everything that is in accordance with the Law and that is written in the Prophets;

15 having a hope in God, which these men cherish themselves, **THAT THERE SHALL CERTAINLY BE A RESURRECTION OF BOTH THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE WICKED.**

16 "In view of this, I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men.

Revelation 11:16-18 NASB

16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17 saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign.

18 **"AND THE NATIONS WERE ENRAGED, AND YOUR WRATH CAME, AND THE TIME CAME FOR THE DEAD TO BE JUDGED, AND THE TIME TO REWARD YOUR BOND-SERVANTS THE PROPHETS AND THE SAINTS AND THOSE WHO FEAR YOUR NAME, THE SMALL AND THE GREAT, AND TO DESTROY THOSE WHO DESTROY THE EARTH."**

THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 NASB

9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

10 **FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST, SO THAT EACH ONE MAY BE RECOMPENSED FOR HIS DEEDS IN THE BODY, ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD.**
11 **THEREFORE, KNOWING THE FEAR OF THE LORD, WE PERSUADE MEN,** but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

John 5:24 NASB

24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and **DOES NOT COME INTO JUDGMENT,** but has passed out of death into life."

Romans 8:1 NASB

1 Therefore there is now **NO CONDEMNATION** FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS.

1 Corinthians 3:10-15 NASB

10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. **BUT EACH MAN MUST BE CAREFUL HOW HE BUILDS ON IT.**

11 **FOR NO MAN CAN LAY A FOUNDATION OTHER THAN THE ONE WHICH IS LAID, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST.**

12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 **EACH MAN'S WORK WILL BECOME EVIDENT; FOR THE DAY WILL SHOW IT BECAUSE IT IS TO BE REVEALED WITH FIRE, AND THE FIRE ITSELF WILL TEST THE QUALITY OF EACH MAN'S WORK.**

14 **IF ANY MAN'S WORK WHICH HE HAS BUILT ON IT REMAINS, HE WILL RECEIVE A REWARD.**

15 **IF ANY MAN'S WORK IS BURNED UP, HE WILL SUFFER LOSS; BUT HE HIMSELF WILL BE SAVED, YET SO AS THROUGH FIRE.**

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Revelation 20:11-15 NASB

11 **THEN I SAW A GREAT WHITE THRONE AND HIM WHO SAT UPON IT, FROM WHOSE PRESENCE EARTH AND HEAVEN FLED AWAY, AND NO PLACE WAS FOUND FOR THEM.**

12 **AND I SAW THE DEAD, THE GREAT AND THE SMALL, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE, AND BOOKS WERE OPENED; AND ANOTHER BOOK WAS OPENED, WHICH IS THE BOOK OF LIFE; AND THE DEAD WERE JUDGED FROM THE THINGS WHICH WERE WRITTEN IN THE BOOKS, ACCORDING TO THEIR DEEDS.**

13 **AND THE SEA GAVE UP THE DEAD WHICH WERE IN IT, AND DEATH AND HADES GAVE UP THE DEAD WHICH WERE IN THEM; AND THEY WERE JUDGED, EVERY ONE OF THEM ACCORDING TO THEIR DEEDS.**

14 **THEN DEATH AND HADES WERE THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE. THIS IS THE SECOND DEATH, THE LAKE OF FIRE.**

15 **AND IF ANYONE'S NAME WAS NOT FOUND WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE, HE WAS THROWN INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE.**