



LESSON 51 - THE DECISIONS OF THE JUDGMENT DAY

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	(Matt. 25 :31-46)	Side Texts to be studied with questions
1.	WHAT does the Saviour say of the scene at His second coming? Matt. 25:31.	2 Thess. 1: 7, 8.
2.	Who will then be gathered before Him for judgment? Describe the separation that He will make. Verse 32.	Rev. 20: 11, 12.
3.	Describe the separation that then takes place. Verses 33, 34. See note 1.	John 10:1-4, 14- 16.
4.	What tender words are then said to these privileged ones? Verse 34.	Rom. 8:17; I Peter I : 4 ; Rev. 21 : 7.
5.	What righteous works testified to their saving faith in Christ? Verse 35.	Isa. 38:6, 7; James 1:27; Heb. 13:2.
6.	What other good works appeared in their lives? Verse 36. See note 2.	Heb. 13 :3 ; 2 Tim. 1:16-18.
7.	At the announcement of such decision, how will the righteous express astonishment? Verses 37-39.	Luke 17 : 10.
8.	What explanation will then be made to the wondering saints? Verse 40.	Prov. 19:17; 28:27; Matt. 10 : 42.
9.	Turning attention to those on His left hand, what condemnation will the Lord put on them? Verse 41.	

10.	How was their lack of faith and love manifested ? Verses 42, 43.	James 2:14-26 ; I John 3:17 -18.
11.	With what words will these express their surprise? Verse 44.	
12.	What answer will they receive? Verse 45.	Rom. 6 :23, 2 Thess. 1:8-9
13.	To what are all such to be consigned? Verse 46.	2Peter 2: 12; Ps. 37: 20,10.

READING

"Desire of Ages," chapter 70

NOTES

- The sheep is used in the Scriptures as an emblem of meekness, patience, and submission, and thus typifies the qualities of the Lord Himself. Isa. 53:7; Acts 8:32. He was a Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Rev. 13 :8. He is also the Chief Shepherd (I Peter 5 : 4), who calleth His sheep by name, and they follow Him. John 10:4,11
- 2. A brief study of the side texts following questions 5 and 6 will show what importance the Scriptures attach to what is known as Christian Help Work. One may not be aware that he has done much toward relieving distress, or those to whom he has ministered may not appreciate that which was done for them ; but Christ saw in the labour put forth, the reflection of His own life, and counted it as done for Him, ,and to represent His generous work in the earth. Therefore, the sincere desire to do something in this line, followed by conscientious effort, is marked in heaven, and weighs greatly on the right side of every account examined in the judgment ; because the disposition to do such work shows a oneness with Christ, which entitles the holder to a place with Him. We are not to conclude from this that we obtain salvation and righteousness by our good works. We are saved not because we do, but we do because we are saved.