

The Plight of the Lord's Servants

Matt. 25:13-30

Introduction:

- A. A contrast of the Lord's servants.
 - 1. All three were the Lord's servants.
 - 2. Other passages deal with non-servants.
 - 3. Become servants by obeying the gospel (Rom. 6:16-18, 4-6)
 - 4. Faithfulness required of Servants (1 Cor. 4:2; Rev. 2:10)
- B. Notice the plight of the faithful servants and the unfaithful servant.

Discussion:

I. The Plight of Faithful Servants (vv. 21, 23)

- A. "The joy of thy Lord" (cf. Rev. 7:15-17; 21:4)
- B. Eternal Life (v. 46; Luke 18:30; 1 John 2:25)
- C. Ever with the Lord (1 Thess. 4:17)
- D. The Crown
 - 1. Of righteousness (2 Tim. 4:8)
 - 2. Of life (Jas. 1:12; Rev. 2:10)
 - 3. Of glory (1 Pet. 5:4)
 - 4. Incorruptible (1 Cor. 9:25)

II. The Plight of Unfaithful Servants (v. 30)

- A. "Weeping and gnashing of teeth"
 - 1. No joy here.
 - 2. Outer darkness (v. 30)
 - 3. Furnace of fire (Matt. 13:42, 50; Rev. 2:10)
 - 4. Portion with hypocrites (Matt. 24:51)
 - 5. Separated godly people (Luke 13:28)
- B. A righteous thing with God (2 Thess. 1:6-9)
- C. Burned but not burned up.
 - 1. Adventists, JW's Fudge, Smith and Haley.
 - 2. Everlasting destruction (2 Thess. 1:9)
 - a. "Destruction" not "annihilation" (Hos. 4:6; 2 Pet. 3:16; Rev. 11:18)
 - b. Everlasting punishment (Matt. 25:46; cf. Rev. 14:11)
- D. The dog and the hog (2 Pet. 2:20-22)

Conclusion:

- A. How important is faithfulness?
- B. Be honest, just how faithful are you?
 - 1. If have not obeyed the God, not faithful – not even a servant.
 - 2. If have obeyed the gospel you are either faithful or you are not.