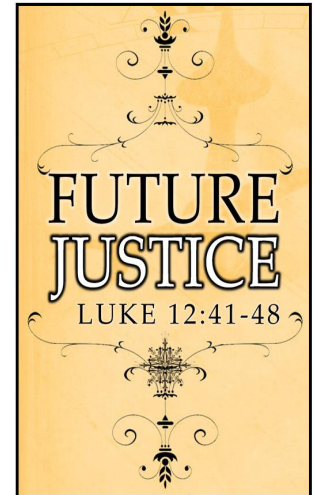


-- **Big Idea: People getting ready are radically aware of future justice.**

-- Judgment in the Day of Christ will be based largely upon two things: (1) Our response to God's Word and (2) Our treatment of others (Matthew 22:37-40).



1.) We will be judged on the basis of how we have TREATED others (v. 41-46).

- Loving others as we love ourselves means—in the very least—that we are consistently serving others in whatever ways will bless them most (Philippians 2:3-4, Galatians 5:13-14).
- **On the Day we stand before Christ's throne of JUDGEMENT how we have treated other people will matter immensely!**
 - Those who are looking out for the best interests of others will inherit a great **REWARD** in God's kingdom (v. 43, Galatians 6:10).
 - For, while great reward will be given to those who live to bless others, an absolutely horrific fate awaits those who do not (v. 45-46).
- People who are getting ready will live to love others as themselves.

2.) We will be judged on the basis of OBEDIENCE to God's Word (v. 47-48).

- We cannot love God without obeying His Word, and we cannot obey God's Word without sincere love for Him (John 14:15).
- Our future judgment will be based upon what we do with what we **KNOW** from God's truth (v. 48, Luke 10:10-14).

Application Questions

- *Do you care for others and desire to live out your life to be a blessing to them, especially among God's people in the church?*
- *Do you sincerely want to know God's Word and do what He says? Are you putting into practice what you know He has clearly commanded?*
- *Are you taking Jesus seriously when He charges you to get ready, or does your daily life reflect a cavalier attitude about the reality that your very life could be demanded of you this very day?*
- *If Jesus Christ returned for you in this very hour, would you be excited to see Him or embarrassed about your obedience?*
- *Jesus is coming back again at an hour we do not expect; are you ready?*

- Believers who are getting ready for Christ's return are people who do their best every day to **OBEY** what we know God is calling us to do.