

Seeing With Compassion

Matthew 25:31-46

A person dressed poorly lies down center stage. Three BAD people (identified by wearing black shirts) and three GOOD people (dressed in own clothes) mingle just behind person on the floor. One of the GOOD people kneels and helps person lying down get up. Others assist. The poorly dressed person begins to approach BAD people for assistance, but they are either on the cell phone, playing a game, or checking watch and looking impatient. All freeze. Scripture reader begins.

³¹ **"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, (wait for him to approach the throne—GOOD people will notice but BAD people will not) he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right (wait for him to motion to his right) and the goats on his left. (He motions to the left)(Both groups form a V before the King though BAD people continue their actions)**

³⁴ **"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, (GOOD people turn to face King) you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation 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 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'**

³⁷ **"Then the righteous will answer him, (GOOD people raise arms from the elbow and outstretch hands) (GOOD people will shrug their shoulders in that position five times) (1)'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or (2) thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ (3) When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or (4) needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ (5) When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'**

⁴⁰ **"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (GOOD people bring their arms to their sides)**

⁴¹ "Then he will say to those on his left, (*BAD people turn to face King with hands on waist*) 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire 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, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ "They also will answer, (*BAD people will outstretch arms from elbows with hands outstretched*) 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

⁴⁵ "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' (*BAD people drop their arms*)

⁴⁶ "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, (*BAD people fling themselves together on the floor*) but the righteous to eternal life."
(*GOOD people raise their arms toward the throne*)

All freeze until piano begins playing Gentle and Humble in Heart by Allison Gilliam. They leave stage. All will sing.