29—40. ST. MATTHEW. 177   
 goats on the left. 34 Then shall the King say unto them   
   
 on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, \* inherit \* e737   
 the kingdom ‘ prepared for you from the foundation of the eal 4,4,   
 world: 85 "for I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: ty Rev.   
   
 I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: "I was a stranger, “Beceeil,   
 and ye took me in: 86 ¥ naked, and ye clothed me: I was Heb,ni.t   
   
 sick, and ye visited me: \*I was in prison, and ye came w James 16,   
 unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, x3 Tim.L   
 Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or   
 thirsty, and gave thee drink? %8when saw we thee a   
 stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee ?   
 39 or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto   
 thee? 4 And the King shall answer and say unto them,   
   
 Verily I say unto you, ¥ Inasmuch as ye } have done it unto z Prov sivn:   
 one of the least of these my brethren, ye 4 have done it Ls   
 x, nb.   
 vi 10,   
 h render, did it.   
 $4.) Taz Krva—here for the first John xvii. 24: 1 Pet. 20. 85. took   
 and only time does the Lord give Himeelf me in] the idea of word is, ‘numbered   
 this name: see Rev. xix. 16: Rom. xiv. me among your own circle.’ 37-40.)   
 Come] Whatever of good these per- The answer of righteous appears to   
 sons had done, was all from Him from me to shew plainly they are not to be   
 whom cometh every good gift—and the understood as being the covenanted ser-   
 Sruit of his Spirit. And this Spirit is vants of Christ. Such an answer it   
 only purchased for man by the work of be impossible for to make, who had   
 the Son, in whom the Father is well done all with reference to   
 pleased: and to whom all judgment is and for his sake, with his declaration   
 committed. And thus they are blessed of ch. x. 40—42 before them. Such a sup-   
 Of the Father, and those for whom this ition remove all as indeed   
 kingdom is Prepared. It is not to the it bas erally done, from our Lord’s   
 purpose to say those blessed of .. . description. See the difference   
 must be the elect of God in the stricter in the answer of the faithful vv.   
 sense (the Father)—and that, because the 20, 22. The saints are already in His   
 Kingdom has been prepared for them glory—judging the world with Him (1   
 from the foundation of the world. For Cor. vi. 2)—accounted as parts of, repre-   
 evidently this in the divine omni- sentatives of, Himself (ver. 40)—in this   
 science, be true of every single man judgment they are not the judged (John   
 who shall come to salvation, whether be- v. 24: 1 Cor. xi. But these who are   
 longing to those shall be found the judged, know sot that all their   
 to share the resurrection or not. The of love have done to and Christ—   
 Scripture assures of two resurrections : they are overwhelmed with the sight of   
 the first, of dead in Christ, meet the grace which has been working in and   
 Him and reign with Him, and hold Cor. for them, and the glory is now their   
 vi. 2) over the world: the blessed portion. And notice, that is not   
 of all the to be judged according to the works, as auch, but the love which   
 their works, And to what purpose would prompted them—that love which wae their   
 be a judgment, if all were to be con- faith,—which felt way, though in dark-   
 demned? And if any escape condemna- ness, to Him who is Love—which is com-   
 tion, to them might the words of this mended. 40. my brethren] Not neces-   
 verse be used: so that this objection to sarily the saints with Him in glory—   
 the interpretation not apply. though primarily those—but also ry, of   
 Election to life is the universal the great family of man. Many of those   
 of Scripture; but sot the reprobation of here judged may never have had an oppor-   
 the wicked: see below, on ver. 41. On tunity of doing these things to the   
 ere aeons of the world, sce of Christ properly called. In this   
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