

Today's Message

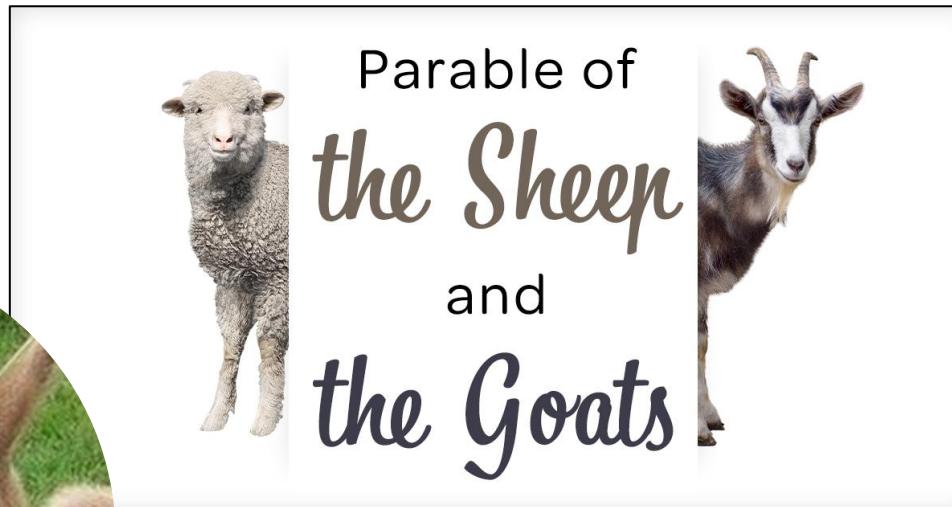
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Parable of the Sheep and the Goats

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46



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Can you tell the differences between sheep and goat?



Sheep

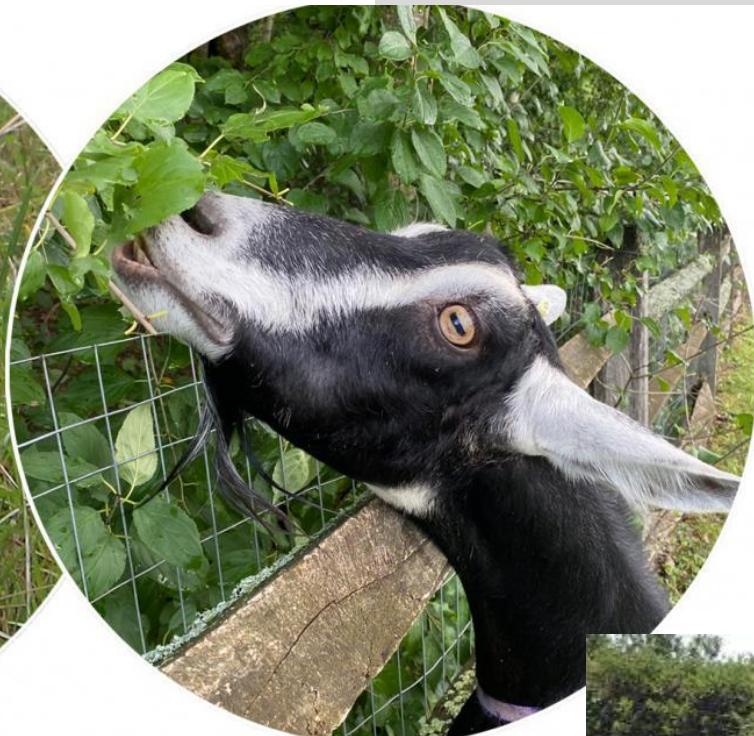
Goat



Sheep are grazers;
they ramble slowly
eating short plants
close to the ground.



Goats are browsers;
they look for leaves,
twigs, vines, and
shrubs.



While sheep and goats seem similar and can be mated, they belong to different genera in the subfamily.



For man, the difference is subtle,
but for God, the difference is significant.



Differences Between Goat And Sheep

Here is the parable from Jesus.



Matthew 25:31-46



When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. (Mat25:31 NIV)



All the nations will be gathered before him, (Mat25:32 NIV)



and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. (Mat25:32 NIV)



He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

(Mat25:33 NIV)



Then the King will say to those on his right, (Mat25:34 NIV)

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. (Mat 25:34 NIV)



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,

(Mat25:35 NIV)

I was
and hungry
you gave
me food



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.

ENCLERED CLOTHES AND YOU COVERED ME. I WAS SICK AND YOU LOOKED AFTER ME. I WAS IN PRISON AND YOU CAME TO VISIT ME.²

MATTHEW 25:35-36

I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,

(Mat25:35 NIV)

I was
thirsty
and you
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me
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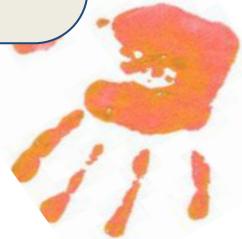


I was a stranger and you invited me in," (Mat25:35 NIV)



I needed clothes and you clothed me,

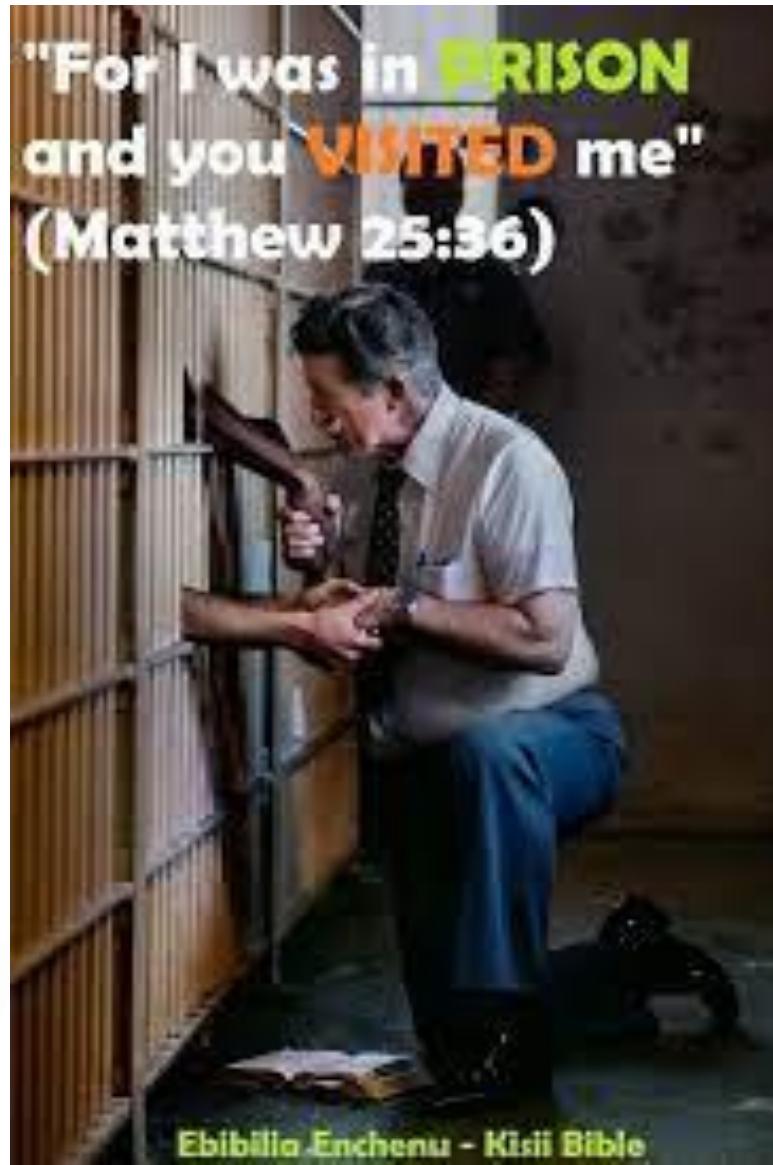
(Mat25:36 NIV)



I was sick and you looked after me,
(Mat25:36 NIV)



I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Mat25:36 NIV)



Then the righteous will answer him,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?"

(Mat25:37 NIV)

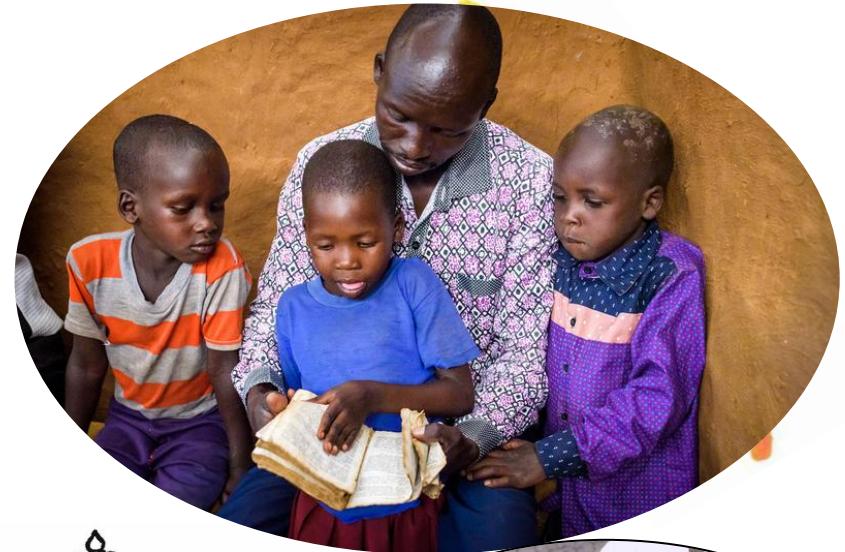
When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? (Mat25:38 NIV)

When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? (Mat25:39 NIV)



The King will reply,..(Mat25:40 NIV)

'I tell you the truth,
whatever you did for one
of the least of these
brothers of mine, you did
for me.



Then he will say to those on his left,

'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

(Mat25:41 NIV)

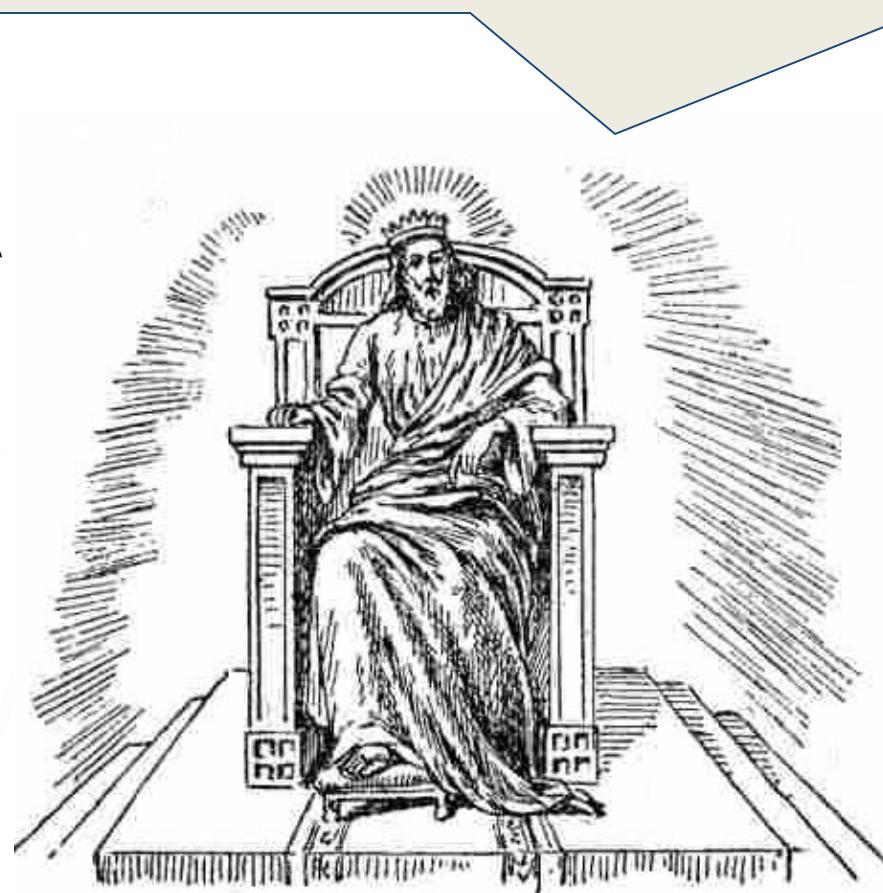


'For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

(Mat25:42 NIV)

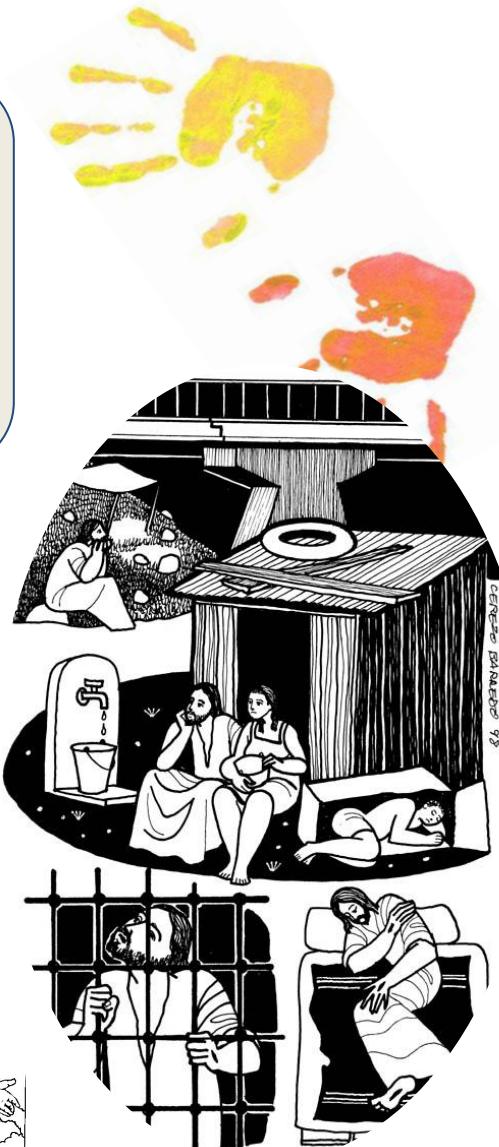
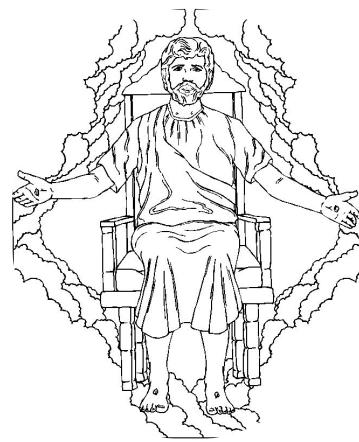
I was a stranger and you did not invite me in,
I needed clothes and you did not clothe me,
I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me."

(Mat25:43 NIV)



They also will answer: (Mat25:44 NIV)

'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?'



The King will reply,..(Mat25:45 NIV)

'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me. (Mat25:45 NIV)

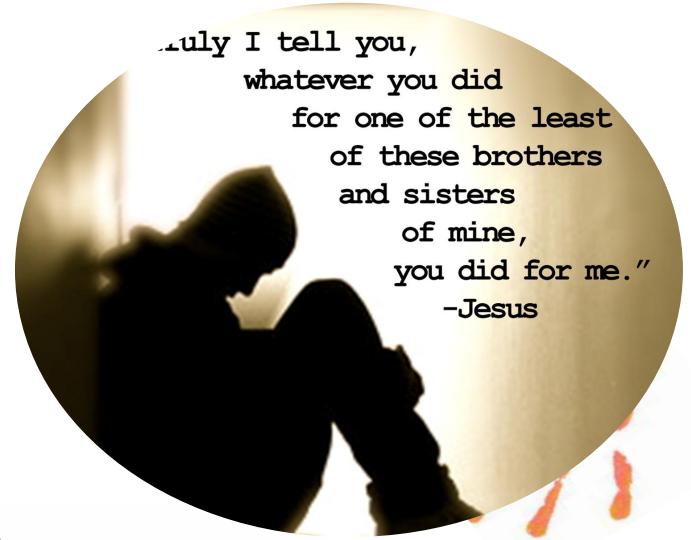
Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.'

(Mat25:46 NIV)



"...I tell you,
whatever you did
for one of the least
of these brothers
and sisters
of mine,
you did for me."

-Jesus



What does the parable mean?

1. The sheep and goat are similar but their fates are different.
2. The sheep represent the righteous with true heart of loving of their neighbors.
3. The goats represent the unrighteous without the inner true heart of charity for neighbors.

The righteous and unrighteous people are hard to distinguish in the world, but their fates go away completely different: the unrighteous to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.

Matthew 22:37-39



Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"



John 13:34



Yet Jesus also said, “I give you a new commandment: love one another. Just as I have loved you, you must also love one another”

1John 4:7 NIV



Dear friends, let us love one another,
for love comes from God. Everyone
who loves has been born of God and
knows God. (1Jn4:7 NIV)

Let us pray



Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your unconditional love. Your love is higher than sky and deeper than ocean.

Many times, we are selfish, we seldomly care neighbors. We are cold to the strangers. We admitted our sinful hearts. May you mercy us to love one another.

May your Kingdom come and your name be glorified. Pray in name of Jesus, Amen

End

