

**Thy Kingdom Come:**

# **THE SIN OF LAZINESS**

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## **Matthew 25:30-34**

**30** And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**31** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

**32** And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

**33** And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

**34** Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

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- When we initially look at this text, the question arises what could have been done in this scenario that would cause a person to suffer these kinds of consequences?
  - We know that from a biblical perspective evil is always punished. The failure to live a life pleasing to God produces consequences.
  - Whatever has happened here must have been evil and destructive behavior that caused him to suffer such an end.

## **Proverbs 1:31-33**

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices.

32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

- The Bible basically admonishes us that man in his fallen state is self-destructive and receives the fruit of the seeds that he has sown.
- By default, no one has to make you pay for your sins and mistakes; they will produce end results that have been initiated in our lives.

## **Romans 7:5**

5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.

## **Galatians 5:19-21**

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,  
20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,  
21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

- When we notice this catalog of sins that Paul reveals are products of the flesh, we have to know that this laundry list could go on to infinity. But what is the issue in the initial text that deals out the consequences seen here?

## **Matthew 5:13-16**

**13** Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

**14** Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

**15** Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

**16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

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- Jesus shows us that the failure to function as they were designed have no benefit or value in the earth because they did not produce the purpose for which it was placed in the earth.
  - Jesus says it is terrible to have a candle that cannot produce a light and salt that has lost its ability to preserve because when they fail to function and produce as intended, the outcomes are terrible.

## Hebrews 6:7-9

7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God:

8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation, though we thus speak.

- The writer reveals to us that God produces the rain and it has the responsibility to respond by producing what it has the potential to produce.
- And when it fails to produce anything but thorns and briers, it is rejected and it burns.

## Matthew 13:39-43

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

- The enemy plants things in the midst of good and productive plants within the field.
- Ultimately those who fail to produce will be removed and destroyed.

## **Daniel 1:19-21**

19 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king.

20 And in all matters of wisdom and understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his realm.

21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.