



# Sheep and Goats

The Jews called themselves the chosen people and despised the others they called Gentiles. But Jesus let it be known through His teachings that on the Day of Judgment there shall not be any chosen ones. Those without love or compassion for the needy and lesser humans will have no place in the Kingdom of God.



The parable of the Sheep and Goats is a short, simple story inviting humans to do good for those who are in need. Referring to His return in all glory to set up His kingdom, Jesus said all those on earth at that time will be brought before the Lord, and He will separate them as a shepherd would separate the sheep from the goats.

The sheep will be those who were saved while the goats will be the ones left unsaved. The shepherd will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Jesus said the righteous people on His right hand will be given the inheritance of God's Kingdom, while those placed on His left hand will be cursed to suffer eternal punishment for they did nothing to help the poor when they had the opportunity.

Jesus said that whatever you do for one of the least among you, you do for me. He identified with the poor, oppressed and the marginalised. Those who help them will certainly find a place in His kingdom but those who do not despite the opportunity will have no place there.

Those without love do not recognize Jesus among the poor and will be excluded from His Kingdom.



## Word of God

**Mathew 25: 31 – 34; 40; 45 – 46**

“When the Son of Man comes as King and all the angels with Him, He will sit on his royal throne, and the people of all the nations will be gathered before Him. Then He will divide them into two groups, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the righteous people at His right and the others at His left. Then the King will say to the people on His right, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father! Come and possess the Kingdom which has been prepared for you ever since the creation of the world.’

The King will reply, ‘I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these followers of mine, you did it for me!’

The King will reply, ‘I tell you, whenever you refused to help one of these least important ones, you refused to help me.’ These, then, will be sent off to eternal punishment, but the righteous will go to eternal life.”

## Insight



Gonsalo Garcia is the first India-born Catholic saint. He was born in Vasai near Mumbai in 1556 and later worked as a Franciscan missionary in Japan. Garcia and 25 others were martyred in Nagasaki in Japan on 5 February 1597. St. Garcia is Vasai diocese's patron saint.

## Notes



**QUOTE:** “At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by “I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in.”  
**Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

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