

# What God Do Our Friends See?

The Fruit of the Spirit from a Bird's View

Mt. 25:31-46

Gal. 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the **Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control;

## THE FINAL ASSESSMENT:

### The Setting:

Mt. 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> "When the **Son of Man** comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before him will be gathered **all the nations**, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

### The "Righteous":

<sup>34</sup> Then the **King** will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was **hungry** and you gave me food, I was **thirsty** and you gave me drink, I was a **stranger** and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was **naked** and you clothed me, I was **sick** and you visited me, I was in **prison** and you came to me. <sup>37</sup> Then the **righteous** will answer him, saying, 'Lord, **when** did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And **when** did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And **when** did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> And the **King** will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of **the least of these** my brothers, you did it to me.'

**King** =

"Least of These" =

"Righteous" =

Mt. 16:27

## The "Cursed":

<sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you **cursed**, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, **when** did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup> Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous into **eternal life**."

**Cursed** =

2 Peter 3:9

### Jesus' Assessment:

**NOT:**

**BUT:**

Mt. 7:16

Is. 58:6-7

Lk. 7:11-17

"Mercy comes from a compassionate heart; it comes from a desire to be an equal. Jesus didn't want to look down on us. He wanted to become one of us and feel deeply with us.

When Jesus called the only son of the widow of Nain to life, he did so because he felt the deep sorrow of the grieving mother in his own heart"  
- Henri Nouwen, The Genesee Diary

## Jesus' Litmus Test for His Followers =

