

# The Parables of Jesus

## Parables Of End Times

### Introduction:

What are some different opinions about the end of life and the end of the world?

If you just die and then everything is over, what would you do in this life? Why?

### I. The Parable of the Weeds and Wheat (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)

#### 13:24-30

What are some of the different problems brought up in this parable? There are a few.

As Christians look around in this sinful world, what are some bad shortcuts for making the world a less weedy and more Christian looking place?

#### 13:36-43

Who tempts us?

Jesus spends most of his time explaining the parable in terms of the final judgment.

There will always be evil people in the world. Our job is to call them, be witnesses to them. Our attitude is to be patience and forbearance. God reserves the right to decide when their time of grace is over.

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## II. The Parable of the Householder (Mark 13:32-37)

13:32-33

Since the end is a time of judgment. We obviously ought to be ready. What is the problem?

Look at 2 Peter 3:3-4. What does our human nature tempt us to think?

13:34-37

Who are we like? What is our job? (Romans 13:11)

If we are sleeping, what is our lot?

How can we remain awake and alert?

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## III. The Final Judgment (Matthew 25:31-43)

25:31-33

The parable is in the first couple verses. The rest is not a parable, but straight teaching.

What makes you a sheep? What makes you a goat?

25:34-43

If you were to die today, where would you go?  
Would you answer “Maybe” or “I am certain”?

If God were to ask you, “Why should I let you into heaven?”, would your answer be what Jesus says in verses 35-36?

If Jesus were to judge you based on your love for your neighbor today, what would he say? What would your response be?

Agree or Disagree: Matthew 25:34-45 is one of those passages which says we are saved by works.

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In all of the End Time parables, the theme of judgment is central. Jesus could have talked more of heaven, hell, the resurrection and perhaps other aspects of the end of the world. But the judgment is what makes all the other points important. The promises of judgment are a great encouragement to believers. Its threats are a great warning to all who stray from God’s path.

