

## **Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 25:31-46 (April 1, 2026)**

***—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—***

1. In what ways have you experienced the transformation from 'goat' to 'sheep' in your own spiritual journey, and how does understanding that we all started as goats change your perspective on others?
2. The sermon emphasizes that the sheep on the right performed acts of compassion without even remembering them. What does this teach us about the nature of genuine Christian service versus performing good works for recognition?
3. How does the concept that helping 'the least of these' is equivalent to serving Christ directly challenge or reshape your daily interactions with people in need?
4. The goats seemed surprised by their judgment, suggesting they believed they were acceptable to God. What safeguards can we put in place to ensure we are not deceiving ourselves about our spiritual condition?
5. The sermon warns against complacency in our walk with Christ. What specific areas of your spiritual life have you allowed to become routine or neglected, and what steps can you take to revitalize them?
6. How does the finality of judgment described in this passage affect your urgency in sharing the gospel and living out your faith today?
7. The preacher asks what has a grip on your mind throughout the day. If you honestly assessed your thoughts and priorities, what would reveal itself as potentially competing with God for first place in your life?
8. What is the difference between someone who does good works as evidence of their salvation versus someone who does them hoping to earn salvation, and how can we examine our own motivations?
9. The sermon mentions that the sheep hear the Shepherd's voice and no stranger will enter His kingdom. How do you cultivate the ability to recognize and respond to Christ's voice in your daily life?
10. Considering that Jesus prepared a place for believers from the foundation of the world, how should this eternal perspective influence the way you handle temporary trials and make decisions about how you spend your time and resources?