

# **“LEAST of These My Brethren”**

## **Matthew 25:31-46**



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**Summary: This message, if well understood, will change your whole life. Be sure to learn it well.** Most people will miss who is being referred to as “The Least of these my Brethren.” Learn what that means, for those who get it and do it will inherit the kingdom prepared for them. Learn how you can see and help Jesus Christ himself much more than you may ever have done. This teaching will amaze some of you.

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Hello everyone. **Be turning to Matthew 25. Do you want to inherit the kingdom of God prepared for you? Are you sure you’re going to?** Jesus gave a story telling us who will be the ones inheriting the kingdom – and who will not. It all has to do with the way you are treating Jesus, Yeshua the Messiah. I will explain that clearly as we go through the teaching today. Many of you may be shocked and surprised at what Jesus is actually saying in this passage (as some of you have said to me).

**I first gave this sermon in 2009.** I was told in my spirit while praying that I had entirely missed the main point correctly – but it came to me as I re-did it. This is such a crucial lesson to understand and practice as brothers and sisters of the Savior. I will bare my soul in this sermon today.

Let me read all fifteen verses of this very well-known passage and then we’ll come back and study it.

### **Matthew 25:31-46**

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom prepared for you** from the foundation of the world:

**35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'**

**WHO did he say was hungry? WHO did he say was thirsty?** Who did he say was a stranger who was taken in? Who did he say had no clothes and was sick? Who did he say

was in prison? WHO? He said “**I** was hungry, I was thirsty, **I** needed clothes and **YOU** did something ... **for ME.**” The righteous had no idea of what he was talking about as they had no awareness of it, but just did those things anyway.

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 **And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to ME.**'

41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: '

42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

44 "Then they also will answer Him, 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?'

45 **Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'** 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The second group said basically, “Lord, if we had really seen YOU, we surely would have fed and clothed you. We never saw YOU.” *And therein was the problem.* With Believers all split up into various factions and continuing to split off, maybe we will find many of us also missing the main point Jesus was trying to explain.

The “goats” didn’t recognize the body, family and brothers and sisters of Yeshua, of Jesus the Christ. If we aren’t recognizing the broader family of Messiah, we could also end up missing his brothers and sisters in need.

**If someone has God’s spirit, Christ himself is in them,** and so everything we do and say towards someone with Christ in them, or who is Christ’s life now – is like saying and doing it to Jesus, the Son of God himself.

*If we really grasped what He is saying here, what a majestic change we would all experience.* If we could treat every brother and sister in Christ as if that person is Christ himself – how differently we would all act. I mean people of all ages.

With Christ in us, we become a new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17) and that new creation, our new spirit life, is not our old self – but is our new life in Christ himself. Jesus is now our life – in the spirit – *even when we mess up, as Paul explains in Romans 7 and Rom 8:1 – “there is therefore NO condemnation to those of us in Christ”.* (Be watching for my upcoming sermon on “**Spirit, Soul and Body**”) Our spirit is new in Christ, right now, but our body and soul will have to wait until the resurrection to be made perfect and immortal. OK... that’s an aside.

But everyone in Christ, no matter how high and exalted or how lowly they are – if they have God's Holy Spirit – **are now the new life of Christ himself**. Many of us probably aren't quite ready to fully accept that yet.

***But the point is: those with Christ's spirit in them – are seen by Christ as now "being in the spirit" (Rom. 8:9), as his own life, as we'll now see. This point is crucial to understanding this sermon.***

**Colossians 3:2-4 NKJV**

"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

**3 For YOU died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.**

**4 When Christ who IS our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."**

"Christ who is our life." We must get this.

**Colossians 3:5-11 NIV**

**"Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature:** sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. 7 You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. 8 But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.

9 Do not lie to each other, **since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.**

**11** Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, **but Christ IS ALL, and is IN ALL."**

**Christ *IS* all, -- and is IN -- ALL believers. Verse 11.**

**Galatians 2:20-21 NKJV**

"I have been crucified with Christ; ***it is no longer I who live, but Christ LIVES IN ME***; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**21** I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

God's righteousness is His GIFT to us (Romans 5:17)

**So your life, my life, now that we have the HOLY Spirit – is Jesus himself joining with our "spirit in man" by His spirit, making us one SPIRIT with him (1 Cor. 6:17).**

We still have free moral agency to act like we choose to – in our flesh, so that's why Paul says to get rid of the workings of the fleshly nature. Let Christ shine through. *Remember Jesus said that both He and our Father – GOD MOST HIGH – come dwell in us (John 14:23).* So we now have a power and a life in us that most of us don't even **begin** to grasp, to see, or to TAP into or to get out of the way of – and let GOD, and *let* Jesus, truly be our life.

Regardless, the reason Jesus reacts so strongly to the way BRETHEN are treated is because HE SEES THAT AS the way we are treating HIM. We can't say we adore, worship and love Him – but disregard his brothers and sisters.

Understanding this will help us understand what happened when Paul was first called "Saul."

**When Paul – called Saul/Shaul before his conversion**, the MESSIAH struck him down on the road to Damascus. You know the story. If not, read it carefully in Acts 9. Jesus appeared as a bright light, struck Paul down and blinded him in Christ's bright glory – and what did Jesus SAY to Paul? This makes the point I've been trying to make:

**Acts 9:1-5**

"Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them BOUND to Jerusalem.

3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting ME?**"

5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?"

**Then the Lord said, "I am JESUS, whom you are persecuting.** It is hard for you to kick against the goads."

"Saul, Saul, WHY are you attacking **ME**, SAUL? When you take women and men, bind them and haul them to Jerusalem to be jailed – you are actually attacking and binding ME!" Those are very instructive words from Yeshua.

Is this becoming clearer now why and how Jesus said, "you're doing it unto Me"? He was identifying personally with "the least of these my brethren."

**Don't misunderstand:** Jesus Christ is at the top, under only God the Father, who is "over all" (Eph 4:6). Jesus is supreme King of kings under only God Most High (**1 Cor. 15:21-28, read it**). But he ALSO identifies with the lowest and most humble brethren, since each one is a part of his body (**1 Cor. 12:12-31**) He sees each one as Himself. As **HIMSELF**.

**KEY POINT:** This is why Jesus said in **Matthew 25:40** that when we do kind things to, or ignore -- even "**the least of these my brethren, you've done it unto ME.**" ***It's like whatever we do with other brethren, we're doing to Jesus the Christ directly – because HE is now their life, as we've seen.***

**1 Corinthians 12:12**

"for as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, **being many, are one body, so also is Christ .**"

**1 Corinthians 12:23-26**

"and those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; **and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty**, 24 but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, **25 that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one**

**another. 26 And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it."**

If we hurt a part of our body – the whole body is aware of it and wants to protect it. I cut my finger badly and it took nine stitches. The whole body felt it.

*If you and I clearly KNEW that the person we're ignoring, not helping when we could have, or being rough to – was actually Jesus – you KNOW we would treat that person so differently!*

So the righteous simply SEE the brethren as a manifestation of Jesus himself, as he lives in us. So whether a person is a powerful speaker or is a lowly orphan in church, the way we treat that person is how we are treating Jesus – Jesus says! We now realize that whatever we do to any brother or sister, we're doing to Jesus. HE – though he's the exalted One – He also identifies personally with the lowest, the "Least of these my brethren."

*So whatever we're doing for someone we might just tend to ignore – we're actually doing for and to Jesus Christ, Son of God. And of course Yeshua is Immanuel – "GOD with us." He is Lord of Lords, king of kings, Lion of Judah, the Rock of our Salvation – yes, yes, yes, BUT he's also the Least of these My Brethren," meaning he identifies just as much with the lowest and least brother or sister.*

*So how dare we not take care of Jesus HIMSELF – as he clearly said – when we don't do anything to help his brethren who need help.*

*What was the primary difference between the sheep and goats in Matthew 25? It was this: **the sheep DID something, took action when they saw a need in the body of Christ. The goats did not. Either way, Jesus took it personally!***

Think: who would be brethren you'd tend to dismiss in your mind as not being all that important? The ones we consider in the lower class? Or perhaps poor brethren in Africa perhaps? If you step in to help – Jesus takes it personally. We take care to monitor how the money we send over there is done right.

I've been trying to help the very poor brethren in Kenya and Tanzania, but the roadblock I'm facing is reluctance by many of us in America and Canada to help me help all those poor, black Kenyans over there. Let me be frank! I really believe the greater Church of God groups have turned their back on East Africa. Of course there's nothing in it for the American church groups.

But I'm talking about people who can barely afford to feed themselves enough. So nobody among the brethren is fat. They can't afford the food to get fat. I'm talking about people who can't afford a \$10 Bible as that's about a week's salary for many of them if they can even get a job at all. That's money they need for food. Almost nobody has smart phones or laptops. Nobody over there has a car or even a bike. **Malaria** is rampant. One of the women there, herself disabled, lost two young sons to malaria – I suspect because she had no money for them to get a malaria shot or be seen by a doctor. How tragic is that!? I'm trying to help our brethren there get mosquito nets so less children die from malaria. *Would you help me help those "least of these my brethren" kind of people over there? And in so doing, you're doing it unto Christ.*

When you send money to Light on the Rock, much of it goes directly to helping the super poor brothers and sisters you have there in Christ. And Jesus watches what we

westerners do to help HIM. So we use your donations or tithes to get the gospel to them, to give them a place to meet – instead of just sitting on the ground under a tree as they hope it doesn't rain too hard. We buy chairs for their church building. We buy them Bibles. But we need help, badly need help. Can you help “the least of these my brethren” and do so to Jesus himself?

There's no extra money available to buy nice things if you're a typical member there.

So the good and the bad we do against anyone – especially those with God's spirit or are part of the household of Christ. Remember we are members of one another, just like your hand is part of the whole body.

***Romans 12:5 “So we being MANY are ONE body IN Christ and members of one another.”***

We know in 1 Cor. 12 that Paul discusses how the hand is not more important than another part – but we need all the parts working together.

Remember that the Matthew 25 **GOATS** – if they even were aware of a need at all, just ignored it. They did nothing. Look at what happened to them! Don't risk that being you. When we know to do good, but don't – that is a sin (James 4:17). We have to do something to show Jesus we care.

**1 John 3:16-19**

**“By this we know love because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and ***shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?***

We have food in the pantry, in the fridge, in the freezer...but do we just shut that all up? It's not enough just to say “I'll keep you in my thoughts and prayers. I hope things get better for you” (James 2:14-17).

**18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.”**

*SO -- WHO is the “least of these my brethren” – for whom God's Son DIED? Are you seeing Jesus is not just the greatest – but includes himself as also being part of the least? Have you gotten it yet? Because Jesus sees all who accept him as part of HIS body, and He becomes their life – even though HE HIMSELF is the name above all other names and at his presence we bow – He also sees all the brethren in the church as himself no matter how lowly they are.*

*When we don't do anything to help when we can, we fall into the “goats” category of people who did nothing and were cast out. They didn't recognize Jesus standing right in front of them, badly needing some help, camouflaged as a brother or sister.*

Sure, sometimes we just don't feel like helping someone out. Maybe they do stupid things and we feel they deserve what's coming to them and so don't help. Or maybe we have judged they could try harder, work harder, and so we do nothing. We don't help. And Jesus says, “I was needy, and you did nothing.”



So you might hear of the needs of our brethren in Kenya – but just ignore it all by thinking, “they should be able to do more themselves...” – and so we do nothing. Or we think everything is so much cheaper there than here. So we do nothing. Actually many things cost the same or even more over there.

Which are you? Are you one of the Sheep on the right, or one of the goats on the left? The goats do nothing to help the very needy brethren.

*Let me ask you this: When you wash feet at Passover – think of that man or woman as being Christ himself. And remember that our awesome Lord also washed Judah's feet, even knowing what he was about to do. Satan himself had already put the thought into Judas, before the footwashing! Amazing. Judas left quite a while after the footwashing (**John 13:29-30**). Satan personally entered Judas then at that point – John 13:27. Jesus wasn't above washing his betrayer's feet.*

We will not treat one another properly until we see everyone as Christ himself... yes, even the ones we esteem the least. We will start to respect everyone more, especially those “in the church.” But remember too how Jesus was moved with compassion and fed the hungry crowds; they weren't “in the church” yet. But he healed them and fed them and loved them - - anyway.

### **Passover LESSONS on how we treat brethren**

Here's something else. When we're not treating people right, we see far less healings.

**1 Cor. 11:29-30** – *When we don't recognize Jesus' presence in the body, and don't respect the PEOPLE who make up the body of Christ, people may not be getting healed! In context in the book of Corinthians, Paul was referring to the brethren, who are the Body of the Lord, (Eph 1:22-23; Col. 1:24) not the literal body of Yeshua. In context, “the Lord's body” we're about to read was the church brethren.*

### **1 Corinthians 11:27-31—especially v 29-30**

*“Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.*

*29 For he who eats and drinks in **an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.***

***30 For THIS reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep.”***

*It's very hard to get people to help me help out the poorest people you're likely ever to meet – our Brethren in Africa. The Least of these my Brethren, who – if you remember what we've been seeing – represent Yeshua/Jesus himself. Remember? “...you've done it unto ME.” We now have over 1,200 who regularly report in each sabbath. Your help, dear Sheep on Christ's right hand, can mean life or death to so many. Jesus, the son of God, living in the lives of those poor brethren, can sure use some help as he described in Matthew 25. Would you be able to help me help them – and Jesus the Christ?*

***They're very sincere in practicing what they learn.*** One Kenyan man was fired for refusing to work on the sabbath after he had learned about not working on the sabbath. His wife was 7 months pregnant and now that he had lost his job, they had no money for food

for her or the other children. Would you have helped? She wasn't eating enough because they had no money. Light on the Rock helped this expectant woman. This pregnant woman needed food. Needed money. All I could immediately send was \$30, but it was enough. They were SO thankful. They said they didn't know what to do except pray and then I heard about them – and they were thrilled.

Also recently one of our pastors – and most of his family – got Malaria and some had to be hospitalized. Some never use medical services because they have no money. People are dying because of malaria. One lady lost two of her young sons to malaria because she had no money for medical care. They died!

**Now turn to Isaiah 58**

“In my sermons I'm giving on healing and answered prayer, I believe one big reason we're not seeing more powerful healings and miracles than we do, *is because of the lack of sharing what you have, lack of LOVE – and the constant pointing of the finger against other groups, or other ministers, and God hates that.*

**Isaiah 58:6-8**

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen:

To loose the bonds of wickedness,

To undo the heavy burdens,

To let the oppressed go free,

And that you break every yoke?

***7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,***

***And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;***

*When you see the naked, that you cover him,*

*And not hide yourself from your own flesh?*

***WHEN DID YOU LAST DO THAT?***

***8 THEN your light shall break forth like the morning,***

***Your HEALING shall spring forth speedily,***

*And your righteousness shall go before you;*

*The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.*

**Isaiah 58:9-10**

***9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;***

***You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'***

"If you take away the yoke from your midst,

***The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,***

***10 If you extend your soul to the hungry***

***And satisfy the afflicted soul,***

***Then your light shall dawn in the darkness,***

***And your darkness shall be as the noonday."***

Let me now open your eyes personally to see some who need your help. You won't be helping just them, but Jesus will take your actions – personally. I praise God for the 5-6 of you who do send help to us.



I'm working with people who badly need some help – more than you can imagine! The household tries to make it on \$8-12 **a week** to feed, clothe, and school a whole family. That's if they even have a job at all. That's about **\$40 a month – a MONTH**. Some better off ones like teachers might have \$125 a month. A month! But even they have no leeway money for emergencies, or when someone in the family gets malaria, as too often happens. One woman there lost two sons to malaria.

So I'm working hard to find ways to get everyone some **mosquito nets**. They just simply can't afford them themselves. They're typically about \$25 for a good net.

**Nobody among the 1,200 I work with right now in Kenya owns a CAR.** Or a motorbike except one I bought for one of the pastors. No one has even a **BIKE**. **No running water. NO flush toilets. No faucets.** They have a hole in the ground for a "latrine" – men and women alike. Their LATRINES, even for women, is just squatting over a little hole in the cement floor. They can't afford the plastic toilet chair to sit on.

**NO one owns any appliances like stoves,** refrigerator, washing machine or dryer -- and certainly no dishwasher or microwave.

Almost nobody owns **a cell phone** – and certainly not a smart phone. But I need the leaders to have a smart phone so I can communicate well with them, and get on Viber or other ways to talk without charge. So I have to buy some smart phones. It's very hard for me to do all these things with just the 5-6 people now who contribute regularly to help the over 1,000 people right now. I could – Jesus could – really use some help right now.

**Bibles** – Brethren over there can't afford to give up a whole week's income for one Bible when they have children to feed and bills to pay. We have one donor especially – Paul Gibson, who has made it his mission to buy Bibles for each household. Paul has MS so bad he can't move anything below his neck, and now – after a botched surgery – he has a Trach in his throat and can't talk. He is fed intravenously. This is the man buying Bibles for his brothers and sisters in far away Kenya. And do they ever appreciate it!

When we started handing out \$10 Bibles to the households that had none, one man emotionally remarked as he accepted his Bible: "Wow. Now I have God's word in MY hands (as held it close to his heart), in my own language." We've had to buy Bibles and have distributed over 150 so far, and another group has also donated 150 more Bibles.

**I grew up this same way in the Philippines.** My dad was a missionary and money was always tight. We had no running water, no flush toilets, no car, no phone, we had no appliances, Mom cooked with wood or coal. We had no screened windows – I slept in a mosquito net. I didn't even have nice shoes – just thongs. (Story about Dad buying just a bunch of chicken heads to flavor the soup). So I know what that's like.

I'm trying to post some pictures of the brethren. OK, they don't quite look like brethren we're used to seeing, so some do nothing to help. Maybe when we think of church people we think Yeshua/Jesus would show up as more respectable, neatly dressed, and would be clearly "one of us, part of our group, our church." But the second group – the goats -- **missed him**, and didn't feed him or clothe him. Do these "least of these my brethren" poor of Africa or Asia seem too different, or maybe even too odd, for us to care enough to help them? Or should I say – for us to care enough to help Yeshua ("...you've done it unto ME," remember)?

**Now let me ask us all, including me: Would you, based on what you're doing now, be considered a Matthew 25 sheep or goat?**

How, where, and when can you show definite examples where you last helped Christ himself, by helping the poor of Christ, the hungry of Yeshua, the lonely and sick of our Savior?

Can you point to a recent time of doing a Matthew 25 sheep action of doing something?

I'm trying to make it super clear that when Jesus said that when we help and feed and encourage the LEAST of his brethren, ... HE...TAKES IT... PERSONALLY. What does he mean by that? I thought we just tithed to our church and that was all I had to do... pray and pay. But no, that's not what Jesus says. I'm also going to give you some easy ways to start doing acting like the Matthew 25 sheep.

The help, the action, on your part must be real, must be tangible.

**James 2:14-17**

'What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "**Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,**" *but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit?*

17 **Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead**".

*"I'll keep you in my thoughts and prayers. I hope things get better for you" is not enough. It's not enough to thank them for sharing their need with you, as now you can pray for them. . . but you don't do anything to fix the problem... BIG deal. What have you really done?*

Again, when was the last time you did this? And when was the last time before that time? **ARE we doing anything sheep-like of Matthew 25?** We have people who need mosquito nets so they don't lose any more children to malaria. We need help for hospital bills so they get the care they need. A lot of the money also goes of course for radio time, providing a hall to meet in so they don't have to assemble under a tree. We need help so the women especially have a private latrine and don't just have to go out into the damp bushes when they need "to go." Most things cost some money. I need help to help them. Will you help us help them – *and therefore help Jesus himself?*

Remember what Yeshua said to Saul/Paul as he traveled on the road to Damascus to arrest men and women who were believers in the Messiah? "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting ME?" When we hurt Christ's brothers and sisters – or feed and help Yeshua's family – he takes it personally!

**But you retort, "Yeah, but they're not part of our church group.** So maybe I should keep any money right here in our own group". Is that the way Jesus acted? How many of the people he fed, healed and taught were "church brethren"? None!

**The leper Naaman who was healed by God through Elisha: was he part of Israel? Not at all. God still healed him.** What about the poor widow who gave Elijah her last food – but then God blessed her? She wasn't Israelite either. Get over this selfish

bent some have to help only those who are part of their group. Thank God the Good Samaritan helped a wounded stranger, who was not a Samaritan. Are you getting the point?

We have poor children and teenagers in Kenya who need clothing and underwear and shoes. **They need mosquito nets.** I don't want to hear about any more children dying from malaria. You can help us in this. Please do! They also need a place to meet in. Please, please help me help them. They also need food at the Feast of Tabernacles.

**Mark 9:35-37**

"And He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "If anyone desires to be first, **he shall be last of all and servant OF ALL.**" 36 Then He took a ***little child and set him in the midst of them.*** And when He had taken him in His arms, He said to them,

37 "***Whoever receives one of these little children in My name receives Me;*** and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but Him who sent Me."

**(The audio has several stories of how much help people need in Kenya. Really try to listen from the 45 minute mark at least.)**

**Mark 9:39-41**

But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for no one who works a miracle in My name can soon afterward speak evil of Me. 40 ***For he who is not against us is on our side.*** 41 ***For whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ,*** assuredly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

**Brethren, children of the Highest, belong to Christ. WHY would he say that?**

Because he bought us with his blood, but not just us, but anyone in the world who cries out to him and repents and receives him – becomes a part of him, a part of the Christ. In a way, since he is now our life (Col. 3:3-4) they ARE Christ, so whatever we do for them or however we ignore their needs, we're actually doing that to Christ. They ARE Christ, in a way. "You've done it unto ME" – Yeshua said. How dare we just ignore people needing help!

**Instead of just sending all your tithe or donation money just to your organization** – and who knows how the money gets spent – if you can send even a little bit regularly each month to Light on the Rock, this site, I promise you that **you will be saving lives, making Sabbaths a lot better and will be giving people a Bible.**

**These are real children, real women, real men**, who pray constantly for help – BUT who are so zealous for the truth, so energized by what we're teaching them from Light on the Rock. And who get so excited when we hand them their own Bible – provided by YOU. Thank you so much if you are one of those doing this. Thank you, in their behalf.

**YOU KNOW ABOUT THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES (FOT).** You know how we prepare for the Feast of Tabernacles. WE book a fine hotel, stay there with family and church friends, we fly or drive in a car that's been finely tuned up and readied for the trip – and then we eat out two or three meals a day. We see interesting places. Some of you fly to Europe or Hawaii for your feast – because you can afford to do so.

**Let me tell you about their Feasts of Tabernacles.** Nobody has a car or even a bike. So they all either have a long walk to take a bus ride. Many need help just for the bus fare for their family. **I remember in 1984 when we were sent to Guyana, on the north**

**coast of South America.** There too, the brethren were so poor. Some had walked for *days* through the jungles to finally arrive in Georgetown, ready to “celebrate” the Feast of God.

**We come to a nice motel or hotel.** Brethren I work with can't afford a single motel for anyone. So we have all the men and boys sleep together in one or two rooms, Sometimes our meeting hall room had to double up as a “bedroom” at night with camp mattresses I bought them to sleep on. Then all the women and girls sleep in a couple other rooms. We just don't have the space or the funds for families to remain together at bedtime. So that's how we had to do it. Can you help me buy a dozen or more mattresses? I remind them all ahead of time to bring their own pillows, sheets and blankets.

I didn't hear of a single complaint.

**Restaurants?** Are you kidding? Who can afford a restaurant? So they all ate together as we prepared meals for all and served food for many hundreds of them, free of charge to them. That food we served cost us money, lots of money. Thank you for those few of you who helped us feed Christ's brothers and sisters – the “least of these my brethren,” *for as we did, we were doing so unto Christ himself!*

*Isn't that exciting to realize you can feed, clothe, teach and love Jesus the Son of God HIMSELF by helping with these.*

**Showers? Non-existent at our feast.** Flush toilets? Non-existent. Who can afford flush toilets? So we built some private latrines – little cubicles over a cement floor with a hole you squat over. Men and women alike. Sorry, but even that cost us a lot of money. That's all we could afford. Would you help let Yeshua our Savior have a proper and clean latrine? We need you. We really need you.

*So with brethren this poor, we didn't mind, because their zeal for the truth, and discussing Bible topics all day long, day after day, was so inspiring to watch and hear about.*

*There's more in the audio sermon for the rest of the sermon.*

One of the healing stories I gave in Healing Part 1 sermon, was with a lady named Michelle and the pastor they called first refused to come anoint her and her premature baby because he felt her unworthy. He felt she didn't deserve prayers. She wasn't a member of his organization, his church. And she had gotten pregnant outside marriage. I didn't feel it was place to judge her and refuse praying for healing – and God rewarded her and me with an AWESOME healing, as I told in Part 1. I see no record of Jesus “prequalifying” any he healed except to ask one or two if they believed.

In the audio I gave a story of something my brother Loren did with his pastor to show the congregation they may not have been so quick to be like a Good Samaritan. Hear the audio. It's a good story – around the 55 minute mark.

But brethren, you have fellow members of God's church, who truly ARE children of God, who have been taught by me and our pastors, who have repented of their sins and have been baptized by full body immersion in the name of Jesus Christ, into Christ – and are being led by God's spirit -- who are hungry for spiritual and physical food. They need a SAFE building to meet in on sabbaths. In the video version I'll do, we'll show you some pictures of how they live and meet on sabbath.

I've really bared my soul to you in this sermon. I hate to look like I'm begging – but actually for your sakes, I am, because I'm showing you some ways you can activate Matthew 25 in your life and concretely help some brethren of Christ – and that means helping Jesus himself.

I'm not asking you to send all your tithes or donations to me. Keep doing what you're doing. I'm just asking you to consider sending me something each month to help me help the Least of these My Brethren, and in doing so, you'll be doing it unto Christ. You'll actually save lives if you help. I'm very, very careful to be sure the moneys are spent correctly, with receipts and photographs and confirmation. I'm shocked at how poor God's children can be in Africa. Would you help me help God's children.

**Let's finish by reading Matthew 25:31-46 again, in the words of our King and Savior Yeshua/Jesus himself:**

**Matthew 25:31-46**

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, **inherit the kingdom prepared for you** from the foundation of the world:

**35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink;** I was a stranger and you took Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'

40 **And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to ME.'**

Closing prayer.