

It'll Come Out In the Wash **Matthew 25:31-33**

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- Have you heard that saying?
- Usually in the context of correcting a wrong or coping with a mistake.
- For it to make sense, there has to be some kind of standard of purity or cleanliness.
- The time will come! – Jn. 5:25-29; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Tim. 4:1.

Thoughts Will Be Judged

- Mat. 12:25; Lk. 6:8 – He knows our thoughts!
- Christ knows us better than we know ourselves – Jn. 2:25.
- He knows our motives – the “why” of things.
- Ecc 12:14 “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.” (Mat. 5:8)

Words Will Be Judged

- Mat. 12:36-37 – Our words play a central role in our judgment – Lk. 6:45.
- “Idle” means, barren; shunning the labor which one ought to perform; morally useless and unprofitable.
- Like the barren fig tree – Mat. 21:18-20; Lk. 13:6-9.
- One of the best ways to stop idle talk is not to have itching ears – 2 Tim. 4:3-4.

Works Will Be Judged

- Rev. 20:12-13 – Judged by works!
- Gal. 5:19-21 – some works condemn.
- Jas. 4:17; Mat. 25:41-46; Lk. 6:46 – Sins of “omission.”
- 1 Jn. 3:4; Mk. 7:6-13 – Sins of “commission.”

Decision...

- Eventually, we will all see Jesus! Rev. 1:7; 6:15-17.
- Will you face Him as your Savior and Advocate (1 Jn. 2:1), or as your sentencing Judge?

- Regardless of what kind of sins you have committed, the fact is that “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” – Rom. 3:23; Rom. 6:23
- It'll all come out in the wash – Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16 – 1 Cor. 6:11; Eph. 5:25-27.

Nothing But Leaves

Nothing but leaves; the spirit grieves
Over a wasted life;
Sin committed while conscience slept,
Promises made, but never kept,
Hatred, battle, and strife;
Nothing but leaves!

Nothing but leaves; no garnered sheaves
Of life's fair, ripened grain;
Words, idle words, for earnest deeds;
We sow our seeds,—lo! tares and weeds:
We reap, with toil and pain,
Nothing but leaves!

Nothing but leaves; memory weaves
No veil to screen the past:
As we retrace our weary way,
Counting each lost and misspent day,
We find, sadly, at last,
Nothing but leaves!

And shall we meet the Master so,
Bearing our withered leaves?
The Saviour looks for perfect fruit,
We stand before him, humbled, mute;
Waiting the words he breathes,—
“Nothing but leaves?”

~Lucy Evelina Akerman

Act 17:30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

Act 17:31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

2Ti 4:1 I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

2Ti 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Mat 12:25 But **Jesus knew their thoughts**, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.

Luk 6:8 **But He knew their thoughts**, and said to the man who had the withered hand, "**Arise and stand here.**" And he arose and stood.

Joh 2:24 But Jesus did not commit Himself to them, because He knew all *men*,

Joh 2:25 and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man.

Mat 12:36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

Mat 12:37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book* of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

Rev 20:13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

Gal 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Gal 5:21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1Jn 3:4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

Rev 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Rev 6:15 And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

Rev 6:16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb!

Rev 6:17 For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Eph 5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

Eph 5:27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.