WHEN THE END IS IN SIGHT
Matthew 7:21-23

PASSWORDS

Matthew 7:21-23 MSG
21 Knowing the correct password — saying 'Master, Master,' for instance — isn't going to get you anywhere with me. What is required is serious obedience — doing what my Father wills.
22 I can see it now — at the Final Judgment thousands strutting up to me and saying, 'Master, we preached the Message, we bashed the demons, our God-sponsored projects had everyone talking.'
23 And do you know what I am going to say? 'You missed the boat. All you did was use me to make yourselves important. You don't impress me one bit. You're out of here.'

Matthew 7:21-23 NLT
21 "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.
22 On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name.'
23 But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

JUDGMENT
God judges among people and their actions according to the standards of His LAW. Judgment refers to the punishment meted out to those who fall under His wrath and condemnation.

JUDGEMENT IS NOT FOR THE SHEEP

John 5:24
24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.    NKJV

I. HOW MANY JUDGMENTS AND WHAT ARE THEY?

Daniel 12:2
2 And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.  NKJV

This is the judgment that Jesus speaks of here in the verses we just read. The dividing of the sheep and the goats.

Matthew 25:31-46
31 "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.'
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."

Matthew 7:23
But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

This JUDGEMENT is the BIG ONE – the one we as believers most often think about and GOATS don’t want to think about.
Leads to the GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT

VERY END OF TIME AS WE KNOW IT AND THE BEGINNING OF ETERNITY

1. GOATS but not the SHEEP
John 5:24

24 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. NKJV

Romans 14:10-11

10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written: "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God."
12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. NKJV

THE GOATS
2. GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT

Revelation 20:11-13
11 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it. . .
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.
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.  

Do you know you have a biography being written about you?

But before this, something very interesting is going on with THE SHEEP.

TIME LINE - RAPTURE, SATAN FINISHES UP HIS TIME ON EARTH AND IS BOUND FOR 1,000 YEARS, MILLENNIAL REIGN OF CHRIST ON EARTH, 2ND COMING, GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGEMENT, BEMA SEAT COMMENDATION

Revelation 19:11-14
11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.
12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.
13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.  

Revelation 19:20

20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.  

Revelation 20:1-3

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;
3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished.  

3. THE MILLENNIAL REIGN WITH CHRIST
Revelation 20:4-5

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. . . . And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

5b . . . This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished.

II. WHO WILL BE DOING THE JUDGING?

1. CHRIST WILL JUDGE
Acts 17:31
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." NKJV

2. CHRISTIANS WILL JUDGE
Revelation 20:4

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. . . . And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.

1 Corinthians 6:2-3

2 Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?
3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels? NKJV

2 Timothy 2:12
12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us. NKJV

Revelation 3:21
21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. NKJV

III. Where Will Judgment Take Place?

Matthew 25:31
"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. NKJV

IV. What Will the Judgment Be?

Matthew 25:41
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: NKJV

Matthew 25:46
46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." NKJV

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
NKJV

2 Thessalonians 1:10
10 when He comes, in that day, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. NKJV

2 Peter 2:17
17 These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever. NKJV
2 Peter 3:10-12

10 But the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?      NKJV

Jude 12-13

. . . serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.       NKJV

CHRISTIANS - NOT JUDGEMENT BUT AWARDS – NOT CONDEMNATION BUT COMMENDATIONS
1 Corinthians 3:11-16

11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.
12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,
13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.
15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

16 Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?     NKJV

2 Timothy 4:8

8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.   NKJV

Revelation 21:1-5

21 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.
2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
3 And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.
4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."
5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."      NKJV

V. WHEN WILL THIS JUDGEMENT TAKE PLACE?

Matthew 24:36

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.   NKJV
Acts 1:7-8
7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." NKJV

VI. So What?

2 Peter 3:11, 13-15a, 17-18

11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation. . .

17 You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;

18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen. NKJV