

:: Matthew 25:31-46 :: Structural analysis based on colometry ::

³¹ But when the son of man will come in his glory
and all the messengers with him,
then he will sit down on his throne of glory,
³² and all the nations will be gathered before him,
and he will separate them one from another,
like the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats;
³³ and he will make the sheep stand at his right hand,
and the goats at his left hand.

³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand,
'Come, you who are blessed by my father,
inherit the kingdom that is 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 to drink;
I was a stranger and you gathered me in,
³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me;
I was ill and you looked after 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 we fed you,
or thirsty and we gave you to drink;
³⁸ when did we see you [as] a stranger and we gathered you in,
or naked and we clothed you;
³⁹ when did we see you ill or in prison and we came to you?'

⁴⁰ And, for an answer, the king will say to them,
'Truly, I say to you,
in so far as you did it to one of the least of these brothers of mine,
you did it to me.'

⁴⁶ And they will go away into everlasting punishment,
but the righteous into everlasting life.

⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand,
'Go away from me, you who are accursed,
into the everlasting fire that is prepared for the slanderer
and his messengers;
⁴² for I was hungry and you did not give me food,
I was thirsty and you did not give me to drink;
⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not gather me in,
I was naked and you did not clothe me;
I was ill and in prison and you did not look after me.'

⁴⁴ Then they too will answer, saying,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty,
or as a stranger or naked, or ill or in prison,
and we did not serve you?'

⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying,
'Truly, I say to you,
in so far as you did not do it to one of the least,
you did not do it to me.'