



SERVING GOD CONDITIONALLY

MARCH 30, 2026

READ MATTHEW 25:31-40

Conditional worship/service happens when we allow personal preferences to dictate our ability to engage in worship. For some, it's about having a choir; for others, it's the need for a cutting-edge band or modern visuals. While these elements can enhance our experience, they are not the essence of worship. As Paul reminds us in **Colossians 2:16** (The Message), "The substance is Christ."

If Christ isn't the foundation of your worship, you may be struggling with conditional worship. Cain (**Genesis 4**) would be a great example of one worshipping conditionally.

Matthew 25:31–46 describes Jesus' epic judgment, to take place when He returns as King with His angels and takes His place on the throne. He will divide those judged into two groups: "sheep" and "goats." The sheep will be welcomed and praised for serving those in need. The goats will be sent away from Jesus to eternal fire and condemned for not serving those in need.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.

He explains what they did (**MATTHEW 25:34-40**). The point Jesus was making was this: Those who love other believers (**1 John 3:11**) and serve them (**John 13:31–35**) prove by their actions that they are true followers of Christ (**John 14:15**). When God's people care for each other (**Matthew 10:40–42**), it is as if they are caring for Jesus, Himself (**Matthew 25:40**).

Those serving God conditionally have a rude awakening coming. Selfishness rains as the primary motive behind conditional service / worship.

SCRIPTURE READING: **TITUS 3:5**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Faith without works is dead. Understand the meaning.