

*The Year 2025 - a New Beginning*

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# All Things New

Rev 21:4–5 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." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

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# There Must Come Great Sifting

Mat 13:47–50 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, (48) which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. (49) So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, (50) and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

# *New Beginnings With Both New and Old*

Mat 13:51-52 "Jesus said to them, "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes, Lord." (52) Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

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# The Zoology of the Visible Church

- Wolves – These maliciously seek to destroy the flock. Included here are false teachers and false prophets.
- Goats – While not malicious, these consume/destroy all of the sheep's food and water but cannot be made to follow the Lord.
- Sheep – followers of Jesus Christ the Great Shepherd

# The Parable of the Sower

Mat 13:1–9 On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. (2) And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. (3) Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. (4) And as he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them...

# The Parable of the Sower

Mat 13:1-9 ... (5) Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. (6) But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away...



# *The Parable of the Sower*

Mat 13:1–9 ... (7) And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. (8) But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. (9) He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

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# *The Heart Determines the Zoology*

- Differing soil represent heart types
- Heart Types constrain what zoology manifests

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# *Unbelievers and Wolves*

Mat 13:18–19 "Therefore hear the parable of the sower: (19) When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside.

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# Unbelievers and Wolves

- Those who respond to the true gospel with unbelief who stay outside the Church are simply regarded as unbelievers and do not contribute to the zoology of the visible church, though they may resist out in the world.
- Those who respond to the true gospel with unbelief but decide to enter the Church are wolves, as they seek only to pillage or destroy.

# Goats and More Goats

Mat 13:20–22 But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. (22) Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

# Goats and More Goats

- Both Heart types produce goats because such people only consume or destroy resources, NEVER contribute.
- The heart type represented as weeds and thorn has potential to transform into sheep or be immature sheep.
- Resources here has NOTHING to do with money!

# Sheep Who Follow Jesus

Mat 13:23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

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# Which Will You Be?

- We should endeavor to be sheep who follow Christ.
- While the general mandate is to equip everyone via the Five-Fold Ministry.
  - 1 Leaders have a duty to drive wolves out.
  - 2 Leaders must rein in goats.



# Sheep Who Follow Jesus

Joh 10:1–5 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. (2) But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep..."

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# Sheep Who Follow Jesus

Joh 10:1-5 "...(3) To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (4) And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. (5) Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers."

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