



THE LEAST

**The “least of these”
is a phrase noted in
Matthew 25:31-46,**

“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. 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. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 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: for I was hungry and



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you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' The righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 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.'

The "least of these" refers to anyone who finds themselves in need. They include the hungry, thirsty, impoverished, sick, and imprisoned. In this context, Jesus is speaking to those on His right hand, the righteous. The needy are called Christ's "brothers." The reference is to the righteous helping fellow disciples. Jesus said that those who cared for the least of these were not merely serving other people. They were serving Him.

Jesus linked service to the needy with eternal rewards and judgments. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Ephesians 2:8-9.





God has always been interested in ministering to the poor and needy “All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like You, delivering the poor from him who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor and the needy from him who plunders him?” Psalm 35:10. We cannot be surprised that God expects His followers to follow suit, especially toward those of the family of God. Galatians 6:10, “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” What is interesting about the “least of these” is that our service is ultimately not to the poor, but to Christ Himself.

One way our World Missions team is serving the least of these is through the International Prison Coalition. As we bring the gospel to those incarcerated globally, we share hope, life, and renewal. His grace is sufficient for the least of these. Those who have committed crimes

and have been
cast away from
society need



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to hear His message of restoration. Their lives can make a difference even now – even in prison. As they receive His forgiveness, His grace, and accept Him as Lord and Savior – they are uniquely positioned to continue to share Jesus Christ with others who are incarcerated.

Who are the least of these in your path? Can you empathize with their pain, their lack, their need? If you can, then we invite you to partner with us.

As we set our minds and hearts on the least of these, two action steps are clear to effect change in our world. First, pray. As we unite in prayer and focus on the least of these – change is inevitable. There is power in the joined forces of prayer! World Missions began our 365 Challenge with 30 days of united prayer – God

heard our prayer and is honoring our action.

Second, financially partner with Church of God World Missions. We are strategically in place throughout the world to reach the least of these. We have trained personnel in place to deliver food, water, clothes, and shelter, as needed. Your financial partnership coupled with our personnel will change our world.

Will you take the 365 Challenge? Will you pray? Will you partner financially? As we have done it to the least of these, so have we ministered to Him!



Changing our world...one day at a time.



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