

be decided is, does this parable *have any relation to the concerns of another world?* If this question is answered in the affirmative then the following inferences are plain and undeniable: 1st that Calvinism or the doctrine of election and reprobation is false. It is not said to those on the right hand, "Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for God, out of his mere good pleasure, was pleased to *elect* you to the enjoyment of his favor, and everlasting life." Nor is it said to those on the left hand, "Depart from me, ye cursed, etc., for God was pleased to pass you by, and foreordain you to everlasting wrath." No; those on the right hand were placed there because *their works had been good*, and those on the left because *their works had been bad*. 2nd. It is equally undeniable that mankind are not to be admitted into Heaven because they have exercised faith in the gospel while on earth. Nor because they have been born again. 3rd. Mankind are not to be saved by *Grace*, nor is immortality and endless enjoyment in a future state *the gift of God*, but these things are conferred as the reward of merit. Note the successive questions and answers. Hence it is plain that if this parable is to be applied to *future judgment*, and the concerns of another world, it overthrows the whole scheme of gospel grace, and converts that which is the free *gift of God*, "not of works, lest any man should boast," into a *reward*, which is an equivalent for our good works. But that this parable has no relation to the concerns of another world, is evident from the following considerations: 1st—The 24th and 25th chapters of Matthew evidently form one continued discourse which was delivered by our Lord in answer to a question put to him by his disciples in relation to the *time of his coming and the destruction of Jerusalem*. The 24th chapter commences thus: "And Jesus went out and departed from the Temple, and his disciples came to him for to show him the buildings of the temple, and Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things; verily I say unto you, there shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down. And as he sat upon the Mount of Olives his disciples came to him *privately*, saying, Tell us, WHEN shall these things

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