

What Do Those Verses Mean?

Selected Scripture
(series #8)

Intro: A caution about over “spiritualizing” a text

I. **Matthew 24:40-41**

- A. Used to teach the rapture
“You don’t want to be left behind”
- B. The actual meaning of the text
 1. The context is judgment (vv. 37-39)
 2. Those taken are taken to judgment
 3. Those left behind are left to enter the kingdom

II. **Matthew 25:31-46**

- A. Used to teach works salvation
- B. The actual meaning of the text
 1. The context is the 2nd coming of Jesus and the judgment that will follow
 2. It is a judgment of Gentiles
 3. A person’s treatment of Israel will reveal faith or lack of faith in Jesus

Conclusion: We must take verses in their context!