

## Readings from the Word of God

### Sunday, 29 November 2020

#### **Matthew 25:34-40**

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 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."

Then 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."

#### ***Secrets of Heaven §551***

The relatedness of the whole of heaven to the Lord, and of every single member to Him alone, on the whole and in specifics, gives rise to order, union, mutual love, and happiness; for in this case individuals are looking to the welfare and happiness of all, and all to that of individuals.

#### **Matthew 5:46-48**

For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

#### ***The New Jerusalem and Its Heavenly Doctrine §67***

...whoever loves himself, loves also those who belong to him; by whom are meant here, in particular, children and grand-children, and, in general, all who make one with himself, and whom he calls his own. Loving these is the same as loving one's self; for a man beholds them, as it were, in himself, and himself in them.