Behind the Hymn: When I Face You, Lord

Matthew 25:31-46 is a gripping passage. Christ Himself tells us that one day we will be judged based on how we cared for "the least of these" here on earth.

But during devotions one morning in December, 1998, this scripture struck me with a new force. Until then, I had missed the personal dynamic. We will stand before the Living Christ Himself, face-to-face. In the awesomeness of His immediate presence, in the blazing light of full reality, with His eyes looking into our eyes, we will hear Him say, "I was hungry, and you fed Me..." or "I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat...". I can't imagine a more exhilarating or frightening confrontation.

O Lord, invade my daily habits. Change every unloving and self-centered attitude. Help me to live as Your hands and Your heart among all these people You love so dearly.

--Ken Bible

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