

# *“The Second Coming: Wages”*

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Matthew 25:31-46

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## **INTRODUCTION**

- do we really expect judgment to come in the future?  
Num. 32:23; Ps. 90:8; Isa. 3:11; Rom. 1:18; 6:23

### *1. The Judge*

- “Son of Man”  
Dan. 7:13
  
- “sitting on His throne”  
Jn. 5:22-23

### *2. The Judged*

- none escapes
  
- separation inevitable
  
- separation predestined
  
- separation to the kingdom means greater service
  
- no middle ground in this separation
  
- separation based not on “works” but relationship w/ Christ  
Eph. 2:8-10

### *3. The Judgment*

- “wages” for the redeemed:
  
- “wages” for the unredeemed:
  - eternal \_\_\_\_\_
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- false doctrine of annihilationism (25:46, KJV)
  - a. objection: suffering is necessarily destructive
    - theory can’t be proven
    - God can sustain any existence
    - the fire of hell will be a preservative  
Mk. 9:49
  
  - b. objection: inconsistent with God’s goodness
    - arrogant that we ‘fully’ understand God’s character
    - real problem: not understanding sin and evil
  
  - c. objection: inconsistent with God’s justice
    - degrees of punishment in hell  
2 Cor. 5:10; Mt. 11:22; Lk. 12:47-48

## **APPLICATION**

“Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly small. Though with patience He stands waiting, with exactness He grinds all.”  
– William Wadsworth Longfellow

- will you walk out in disgust?
- will you kneel in thanksgiving and prayer?