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Part 8: Hell



There Are Only Two Places Prepared

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# Matthew 25:34&41

<sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right,  
'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, ***inherit the kingdom prepared for you*** from the foundation of the world.

<sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, ***into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.***

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# The Inexcusable Rebellious Rejection of a Loving God

- Satan & those who angels who followed him rejected God without cause
- Adam & Eve rejected God's command, though he had only done good
- Israel rejected God even though he promised blessing & cursing

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# The Inexcusable Rebellious Rejection of a Loving God

-man rejected Jesus because his word found no room in them

-after a millennium under his reign multitudes will reject him again

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*Why would anyone reject a good, merciful,  
loving God?*

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# Two Main Reasons People Reject God

1) *Don't need Him*

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# Luke 18:9-14

*<sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt:* <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

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# Luke 18:9-14

<sup>13</sup> But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ***'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'***

<sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For ***everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.***"

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# Two Main Reasons People Reject God

2) *Don't want Him*

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# Luke 19:11-15,27

<sup>11</sup> As they heard these things, *he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.* <sup>12</sup> He said

therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return.

<sup>13</sup> Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.'

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# Luke 19:11-15,27

*<sup>14</sup> But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'* <sup>15</sup> When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business...

*<sup>27</sup> But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.'*

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# Luke 16:19-31

<sup>19</sup> "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate was laid **a poor man named Lazarus**, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and ***was carried by the angels to Abraham's side***. The rich man also died and was buried,

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# Luke 16:19-31

<sup>23</sup> and *in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.* <sup>24</sup> And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and *send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.*' <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now *he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.*

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# Luke 16:19-31

<sup>26</sup> And besides all this, *between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.* <sup>27</sup> And he said, 'Then *I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house*— <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—so that he may *warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.*' <sup>29</sup> But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'

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# Luke 16:19-31

<sup>30</sup> And he said, '*No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.*' <sup>31</sup> He said to him, '*If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.*' "

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# Hell Serves as an Eternal Warning

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# Isaiah 66:22-24

<sup>22</sup> "For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. <sup>23</sup> From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord. <sup>24</sup> "And ***they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.***"

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Hell is immeasurably Worse

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# Mark 9:42-48

<sup>42</sup> "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. ***It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.*** <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. ***It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell.***

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# Mark 9:42-48

<sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. ***It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell,***

<sup>48</sup> ***'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.'***

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## *C.S. Lewis, The Great Divorce*

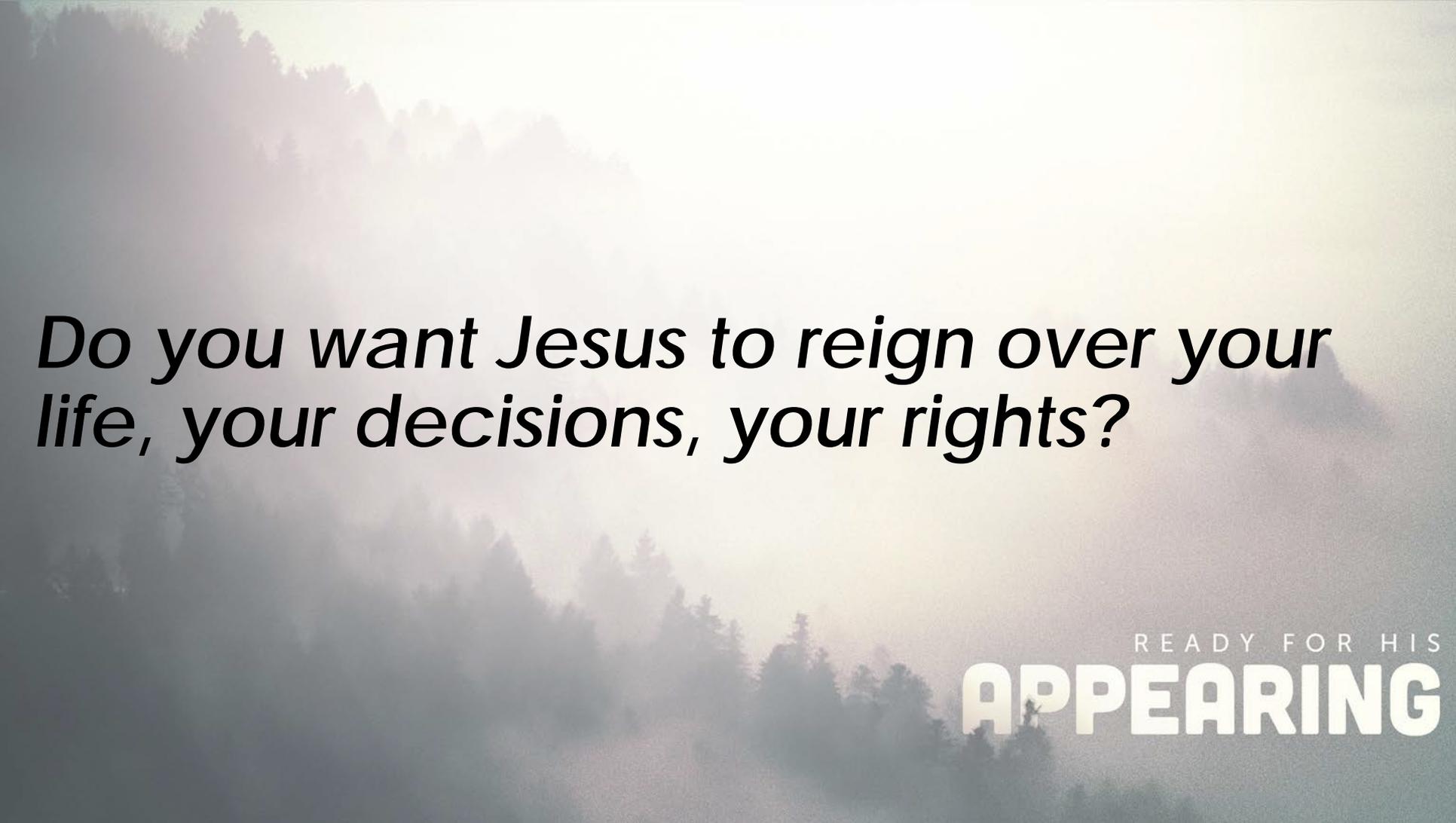
"There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done."

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*Do you believe you really need Jesus?*

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*Do you want Jesus to reign over your  
life, your decisions, your rights?*

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