

WEEK 9 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS • “THE COMING WRATH OF GOD”

GETTING TO KNOW ME

What do you think of when you think of God’s wrath? Did you hear about this growing up?

INTO THE BIBLE

1. Read Matthew 25:31-46. Look over this passage in detail.
 - Who gains eternal life? Who does not?
 - What are the criteria for those welcomed into eternal life?
 - Is Jesus teaching that we earn our salvation by doing good deeds? Why? Why not?
 - Discuss details you learn in v. 41 about hell.
 - Why is a day of coming judgment so difficult for our culture to accept?
2. Read 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10. Describe this future day of judgment that Paul writes about.
 - Is the language of hell literal? Why? Why not?
 - How do you react to passages like this?
3. Read Revelation 20:7-15.
 - What will happen to Satan? How long will it last? What is the nature of his punishment?
 - What is “the book” that is opened in v. 12? Are there any other references to it in the Bible?
 - Will those who go to hell be conscious or unconscious? Why?
 - How is hell described in these verses?
4. Read Revelation 21:1-8.
 - Describe the scene here. What does John see? Describe what happens to death, pain, and sorrow.
 - Read v. 6 and note that God the Father is speaking. Who is speaking in Revelation 1:17-18?
 - How do these two texts establish that Jesus is God? Be specific.

APPLICATION

Discuss the following statement by theologian Miroslav Volf: “God is not loving in spite of His wrath; He is loving because of His wrath” (*Free of Charge*, Zondervan).