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*covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table.*

*Luke 16:21 ...and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.*

*Luke 16:22 The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.*

*Luke 16:23 In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.*

*Luke 16:24 So the rich man called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire."*

### The deliverance from God's wrath

*"If you want your own way, God will let you have it. Hell is the enjoyment of one's own way forever.-Dorothy L. Sayers*

*2 Corinthians 5:21 (RSV) For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

*Romans 5:9 (RSV) Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*

Key: Pg. 2: judicial; choose; Pg. 3: torment

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## The Wrath of God

### The Character of God—part 11

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*"The essence of God's action in wrath is to give men what they choose, in all its implications; nothing more, and equally nothing less." J. I. Packer*

### Four objections to the wrath of God

Objection 1: Why punishment?

Objection 2: Doesn't God forgive everyone?

Objection 3: Why would God cast men into hell?

*John 3:19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.*

Objection 4: Shouldn't everyone have a second chance?

### The wrath of God

*2 Thessalonians 1:8 He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup> They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power*

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1. The wrath of God is precisely that which goes up against evil that must be warned, limited or thwarted.

*Deuteronomy 9:7 Remember this and never forget how you provoked the LORD your God to anger in the desert. From the day you left Egypt until you arrived here, you have been rebellious against the LORD.*

2. The wrath of God is j\_\_\_\_\_.

*Romans 2:5 (RSV) But by your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.*

3. God's wrath is that which men c\_\_\_\_\_ for themselves

*John 3:18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

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### The revelation of God's wrath

*Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth.*

*Romans 1:28 (RSV) And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, **God gave them up** to a base mind and to improper conduct.*

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*<sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of wickedness, evil, covetousness, malice. Full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity, they are gossips, <sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.*

*<sup>32</sup> Though they know God's decree that those who do such things deserve to die, they not only do them but approve those who practice them.*

Hell is the t\_\_\_\_\_ of Separation from God.

*Mark 9:48 "where the worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched."*

*Matthew 8:12 "But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

*John 3:18 "For men loved darkness rather than light."*

Hell is the Eternal Destiny of Unrepentant People.

*Luke 16:19 There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.*

*Luke 16:20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus,*

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