

**Third**, the situation on the day of God's righteous judgment will not be that people who were really seeking God, who were accepting the light they had, and who were living generally righteous lives, will be condemned. Rather, people who were not seeking the one true and living God, who were suppressing and distorting the truth they had, who were not repenting of their sins, and who were not loving the true God or obeying His will in their hearts and lives, will be condemned. And even in the lake of fire and sulfur they will still not repent of their sins, but will continue unendingly unrepentant! It is not that God prevents them from being saved; it is simply that they continue to refuse to be saved on **God's** terms! And since it is God who does the saving, they must meet His conditions.

We have looked at three questions:

First, don't all people want to be saved? Actually, some don't but others do. But among those who do, there is a common denominator: they all wish to be saved on their own terms, rather than on God's.

Second, what yardstick does God use to measure people for salvation? We looked at four, and discovered that all of them lead to condemnation rather than to salvation!

Third, will all people be saved, or will some be lost? We found that there are no human beings without a revelation of God, that the Bible clearly teaches the reality of endless punishment, and that persons who refuse to come to God on His terms will suffer endlessly, without repentance and without relief.

Where does this leave us? Fallen humanity's past and its present reveal the dark fact of sin. The future of humanity anticipates the somber fact of judgment. Is there no hope?

We will take up this question in our next session!