

God's Ways

- **Matt. 20:1-16** – What is Jesus teaching?
 - Has application to the Jews and the Gentiles
 - No matter what stage of life you come to God, the reward is the same
 - Hell is no hotter for the worst of sinners, and Heaven is no better for the new convert as opposed to the lifelong Christian
 - Is this fair?

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- **Isaiah 55:8-9** – God's thoughts and ways are different from ours; His standard of fairness and justice is different than ours
- **Ezek. 18:21-29, 33:10-20** – This means that an 80 year-long Christian will lose his soul if he dies in sin, versus an 80 year-long sinner who will gain his soul the day he obeys the Gospel
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- **Examples in the Bible of God's standard of fairness and justice**
 - **2 Samuel 6:3-7** – Uzzah was killed for touching the Ark of the Covenant
 - **Joshua 7:24-26** – Achan, his children, and his livestock were all stoned and then burned
 - **Acts 5:1-7** – Ananias and Sapphira were not given a second chance, nor a warning
 - **I Cor. 5:1** – This man surely loved this woman

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- **Man cannot decide for God what should be fair or just, or unfair and too harsh**
 - **God's justice is absolute; right and wrong are concrete principles...they do not change to fit the situation**
 - **Fairness is relative; what one person thinks is fair, another may not**
 - **Nowhere in Scripture is God ever said to be fair according to man's ways... (Prov. 24:12 – to measure) Fair – “free from bias, dishonesty, or injustice”**

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- **Applications:**
 - **God will not save everyone...not even a large percentage – [Matt. 7:21-23](#)**
 - **Beloved preachers, elders, and brethren can still lose their souls if they die in sin – [Matt.7](#)**
 - **Withdrawing from sinning brethren must still be done to abide within God's law – [I Cor. 5](#)**
 - **Child molesters, rapists, and murderers can still go to Heaven if they obey – [Matt. 7](#)**
 - **We must be humble – [Jas. 4:6-10, 3:13-17](#)**
 - **This is why we must always be sober and watchful...be prepared! [Titus 2:12](#)**