**The Three Classes of Non-overcomers!**

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“How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?...(24) Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; (25) But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: (26) I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; (27) When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. (28) Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: (29) For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord” ([Prov. 1:22](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Prov.+1.22&t=NKJV), [24-29](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Prov+1.24-29&t=NKJV)).

In this passage, there are apparently three classes of non-overcomers who will be disinherited before the Judgment Seat of Christ. The least of these are called the “simple.” These describe the average church members of today who are spiritually naive. They could represent the antitype of Esau when he failed to value his birthright, and sold it for a mess of pottage. The next, are the “fools” who hate knowledge. These could be the pastors and teachers as well as the layman who desire no further growth in the Word. The last category in this scripture contains the “scorners,” who are apostates (those who have willingly fallen away and are against the Word). They comprise different stratums of believers. They are those who have grown to see “the meat of the Word” and fallen away, and they are those who see no further than the milk of the Word and fall away. They are found in the seminary as well as in the pulpit and the pew. They all reject and make fun of the Word of God by their words and lifestyle, and by that action tell Christ that they do not want Him reigning over them ([Luke 19:14](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+19.14&t=NKJV)).

There is not much mentioned about the “simple” in respect to judgment. Apparently, their punishment in “the outer darkness” will be light as compared to others. The “fools” however, will suffer the promotion of shame and stripes in this place ([Prov. 3:35](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Prov.+3.35&t=NKJV); [19:29](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Prov+19.29&t=NKJV)). The greatest punishment of the three however, will be the “scorners” or apostates. They have a special place reserved for them called the “blackness of darkness” in the realm of Gehenna, where they will be assigned for one thousand years.

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