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Intro - For the past 10 weeks, a lot of people have been talking about the End Times.

1 Thessalonians 1:10 - Wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who *delivers us from the wrath to come*.

- Rapture... Tribulation... Christ's return to earth.

1. Diseases

2. Scarcity

3. Increased Governmental Control

Revelation 13:16-17 - The second beast required *all people* small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. And *no one could buy or sell anything without that mark*

2 Peter 3:10-11 - The Day of the Lord will come like a thief... Since all these things will be destroyed, *what kind of people ought you to be?*

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Difference #1 - The evil servant says in his heart, "*My master is delaying his coming.*"

1 John 3:2-3 - Beloved, we are now children of God, and what we will be hasn't yet been revealed. We know that *when Christ appears*, we will be like Him, for we will see Him as He is. And everyone who has *this hope* in Him purifies himself, just as Christ is pure.

Difference #2 - The difference between the faithful servant and the evil servant is seen in how they treat others.

v. 45 "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, *to give them food in due season?*"

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Difference #3 - The end results.

v. 47 - Assuredly, I say to you that he'll make him ruler over all his goods

2 Cor. 4:17-18 - Our light and momentary troubles are producing for us an eternal glory that *far outweighs them all*. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

John 10:9 - Jesus said, "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved

John 14:2-3 - "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it weren't so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I'll come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also."

2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord isn't slow concerning His promise...but is patient with us, *not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance*.

Matthew 7:22-23 - "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in Your name and in Your name drive out demons and in Your name perform many miracles?' Then I'll tell them plainly, 'I never knew you; depart from Me.'"
