

Hell Is Real

Introduction

- 1. Many people today do not believe in the existence of hell. Others believe hell is the grave, and still others believe it will be a state of mind and not literal fire and brimstone.**
- 2. Let us consider what the Bible has to say about the controversial subject of hell.**

Fear Him Who Can Destroy Both Soul and Body in Hell

- 1. We must learn to develop a genuine fear (respect) of God.**

Matthew 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

- A. The destruction of the body often takes a few moments of time.**
- B. The destruction of the soul will continue throughout an endless eternity.**

Matthew 18:9 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

- C. I would rather see the glories of heaven with one eye than see the flames of hell with two good eyes.**

Hell Is Not the Grave

- 1. Many today are teaching that hell is the grave and nothing more. If this theory is true we can eat, drink, and be merry because the "sleep of death" is the most severe punishment we will receive.**

Who Will Be Cast into Hell?

1. **The Wicked.**

A. **They'll return to Hell!**

Psalms 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God.

- 1) **If hell is the grave, why did David say the wicked will be turned into hell?**
- 2) **Both the righteous and the wicked will enter the grave, but only the wicked will enter hell.**
- 3) **Hell will have an enormous population because most people who have lived since Adam and Eve will dwell there throughout eternity.**

B. **Who are the wicked?**

1 Timothy 1:8-10

2 Timothy 3:1-9

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

REV 21:8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

- 1) **The unbelievers will suffer with the immoral persons, murderers, idolaters, and liars.**
- 2) **Some will not enter the church because of hypocrites. I would rather associate with a few hypocrites on earth than spend an eternity with them in hell!**

2. **False Teachers.**

A. **False teachers will be writhing in the flames of hell.**

Revelation 19:20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

- 1) **TV preachers may not even quote scripture but you can hear the loud beat of music and the solicitation of money!**
- 2) **False teachers will only have this time on earth to enjoy their ill-gotten gain.**

B. **False teachers will drag multitudes of gullible people down to hell with them.**

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

3. **Those who do not obey the gospel.**

A. **Retribution will be dealt to those who don't obey.**

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

- 1) **Jesus left the riches of heaven and became homeless and poor on earth and finally died on the cross to give the gospel to lost men.**
- 2) **Those who do not appreciate the tremendous sacrifices Jesus made and neglect to believe and obey him will not have the slightest chance of missing the flames of hell.**

B. **There will be many good moral people in hell whose only crime was simply neglecting to obey the gospel.**

Hebrews 2:2-3

4. Those who do not use their talents.

Matthew 25:24-30

- A. All people who do not use their talents in the service of the Master will suffer eternal destruction.**
- B. If you can sing, you must sing; if you can teach, you must teach; etc.**
- C. Many people have talents which never benefit others because they are hidden and unused.**
 - 1) Talents that are hidden will decay and perish.**
 - 2) Talents that are used will multiply and grow.**

5. Those who refuse to help others when they have opportunity.

A. Jesus will say "Depart from Me".

Matthew 25:41-46

- 1) The lake of fire will be full of selfish people.**
- 2) Those who neglect to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and clothe the naked will be condemned to eternal torment.**

The Inhabitants of Hell Will Be Tormented

1. This will be a never ending suffering!

Revelation 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Revelation 14:11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

- A. This is a twenty-four hour operation. There will not be any shifts, or breaks, just continuous torture for the inhabitants forever and ever.**

2. It will be miserable.

Matthew 13:42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

- A. Weeping without end - pain without end.**

Fires of Hell Will Never Be Extinguished

1. A fire that will never end!

Matthew 3:12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

- A. The Jewish farmers used a large wooden fork to throw both the wheat and the chaff into the wind. The heavier wheat fell to the threshing floor, but the lighter chaff was carried away by the wind.**
- B. When Jesus comes again, he will gather the righteous into heaven, but he will allow the wicked to be burned with unquenchable fire.**

- 2. The wicked will not be annihilated like a piece of paper cast into the fire. They will never be consumed by the fires of torment - it will go on and on and on**

Mark 9:47-48 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire — where “Their worm does not die and **the fire is not quenched.**”

- 3. The punishment of the wicked will be just as everlasting as the reward is for the righteous.**

Matthew 25:46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

- A. The righteous will bask in the joys of heaven forever, while the wicked are tormented in the flames of hell.**

Conclusion

- 1. There is a place of eternal punishment called hell, and the wicked and those that do not obey the gospel will suffer in this place throughout eternity**
- 2. The faithful, obedient Christians, will serve this same eternity in heaven.**
- 3. You have a choice to make.....**
 - A. Will it be heaven ----- or hell?**
 - 1) Both are real.**

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