

## HELL IS A REAL PLACE

### Psalm 9:13-17

**Introduction:** Of all the teachings of the Bible, one thing is for certain and that is that there is a fearful place of torment called "Hell" and all who reject Jesus Christ as Savior will go there forever. When a person is told by his/her doctor that he/she has only six months to live, that person just can't believe it but the unbelief doesn't change the facts. To imagine that the Bible does not teach about Hell doesn't change the fact that there is a Hell and if one dies without Jesus Christ, he/she will spend eternity in the fires of Hell.

To ignore the doctrine of Hell is to ignore one of the most important doctrines of the whole Bible. What if every Christian had to spend 24 hours in Hell, don't you think that there'd be a lot more witnessing?

### I. GOD WILL PUNISH SIN

1. *2 Thessalonians 1:7-9*
2. All the unsaved will be cast into Hell by God.
3. All who reject Jesus Christ will suffer the consequences throughout eternity in Hell.

### II. HELL IS A PLACE OF TORMENT AND PUNISHMENT

1. *Luke 16:19-31*
2. Jesus pulled back the curtain of eternity for a moment.
3. There is a literal fire.
4. Hell is described in the Bible in various ways:
  - As a lake of fire.
  - *"The smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever..."*
  - A place of pain.
  - Gehenna was a valley southeast of Jerusalem and was a garbage dump filled with sewage, decaying bodies of the poor, maggots, the stench of death. It was also once a place where children were sacrificed to the god Molech while drums were beaten to drown out the cries of those being burnt to death in sacrifice. Thus a description of Hell.
  - A place of agony, torment, fire and of punishment.
5. *Revelation 20:12-13*
  - Those whose name is not in the Lamb's Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire forever. Is your name written in the Lamb's book of life?
  - God is just and His punishment is on a fair scale. Those who have never heard the gospel will receive less punishment than those who have heard the gospel over and over and rejected that gospel, however all who have not believed in Jesus will go to Hell.

### III. HELL IS A PLACE OF CONTINUAL SINNING

1. *Revelation 22:11*
2. Imagine being cast into a place where all will the reprobates, most wicked, degenerate, ungodly, filthy minded, depraved people of all ages are. Those who have led clean, moral, upright lives but who rejected Jesus Christ will be cast into Hell along with all the degenerates.
3. Hell is a place where these types of people will go on sinning and if YOU have rejected Jesus you will also be there.
4. Hell is a place of unsatisfaction.
  - All the desire and lust will be there and never be fulfilled ("*..where the worm dieth not..*")
  - The fire will never die out, neither will the thoughts and passions, the wicked and terrible lusts of the sinners will continue on there, never ceasing.
  - The rich man had no satisfaction for his thirst in the story Jesus told.
  - The druggie will continue to need a fix but never get one, as the drunk will continue to want another drink, but not get it.
  - Every sin that a human being can possibly commit will be found in Hell.

### IV. HELL IS A PLACE OF CONSTANT MEMORY

1. In Jesus' story of the rich man and Lazarus, the rich man begged Lazarus to come and help him. Lazarus couldn't and Abraham said: "*..Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things, but now he is comforted and thou art tormented...*"
2. In Hell all the bad and sinful things ever done will be remembered and there will be no way to make amends and correct those bad things done. Those memories will keep flooding the mind forever.
3. Hell will be one nightmare of memory after another. Memories of things that might have been. Memories of the opportunities of being saved and the memories of the times of rejection.

### V. HELL IS A PLACE WITH NO EXIT - NO WAY OUT

1. Public buildings have "EXIT" signs, "This way out..."
2. In Hell there will be no "EXIT" signs for there will be no way out.
3. Abraham told the rich man, "*..there is a gulf fixed so you cannot travel from one world to the other...*" There is no EXIT!
4. A person cannot go to hell for a sentence of ten years. When one is sent to Hell, it is forever, with no possible way out. It is eternal.

5. If one does not accept Jesus Christ as savior, he/she will go to Hell with no opportunity for a second chance, no possible way to be saved, no EXIT signs.

## VI. WHO WILL GO TO HELL?

1. Why did God create Hell and who will go there?
  - God created Hell for the Devil and his followers.
  - The devil tried to take God's place: **Isaiah 14:14:** "*..I will be like the most high...*"
  - The devil and his followers were cast out of heaven.
  - Hell was created for them. It was not made for people and God has done everything possible to keep people out. However, if a person persists in his/her sins and rejects Jesus Christ, then he/she will join the devil and his followers in Hell.
  - Don't blame God for Hell. The devil and his followers made Hell necessary and if a person goes to Hell, it will be because he/she insisted on going there by ignoring Jesus Christ.
2. **Revelation 21:6** Notice that the "unbelievers" are classified along with the murders and so on. There is no difference.
  - If a person has never accepted Jesus Christ as Savior, he/she will spend eternity with all those whose names are not in the Lamb's Book of Life, regardless.
  - Imagine coming to the Judgment Bar of God and all your sins are "read" off. Your name is looked for in the Lamb's Book of Life by the Lord Jesus and He can't find it. "Look again" you cry but it still isn't there.
  - If your name is not in the Lamb's Book of Life, then God has no alternative but to condemn you to Hell.
3. Listen to some who are already there:
  - The rich man crying for Lazarus to give him a tiny drop of cool water.
  - The rich fool who built his barns, "*...thou fool...*" he says to himself over and over again.
  - A man walking along counting, "1,2, 3.....27, 28, 29, 30 pieces of silver.
  - Hear a man crying "*...go thy way for this time, when and when I have a convenient season I will call for thee..*" Felix the Great trembles for he remembers that he didn't have time for Paul's message about Jesus.
  - King Agrippa crying as he remembers "*...almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian...*"
  - See a man washing his hands, constantly washing but he cannot rid his hands of the blood, this man is Pontius Pilate.
  - There are countless others as one man has six million murders charged against him, six million Jews murdered by his order, of course he is Adolf Eichman.

## CONCLUSION:

1. Hell is as real as this earth for God also made Hell as He made our earth.
2. Every one whose name is not written in the Lamb's Book of Life will spend eternity there.
3. What have you done about believing in God's Son, Jesus Christ? He is the only Way to miss Hell.