

Hell's Haunting Fury

Introduction

1. **We all understand that the wrath of God will come down on all who have not known or obeyed God.**

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance **on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.** These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power

- A. **Individuals learn of God and obey His plan of salvation so that they can be saved from everlasting destruction.**

- 1) **When one is washed in the blood of Christ through baptism they are now in the body, the church of Christ. They are now a Christian.**

2. **Certainly, Christians should know and understand that they are now different, no longer associating themselves with the ways of the world.**

Titus 2:11-15

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people,** that you may proclaim the praises of Him who **called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;**

3. **Unfortunately, there are MANY Christians today who are living "of the world" and as a result will one day taste Hell's Haunting Fury if repentance does not occur.**

- A. **Haunting** – "often recurring to the mind;" "not easily forgotten"

- B. **Fury** – "to rage;" "storm;" "violent anger;" "wild rage;" "fierceness"

What All Christians Should Be

1. **We read in God's Word what Christians are supposed to be like.**
 - A. **If ALL Christians would not only read God's Word, but make proper application of it in their lives, then purity would exist in their life, their homes, and in the church.**
2. **Let's look at some passages of scripture that show us how we should be in our life, conduct, and service for our Master.**

1 Peter 1:13-16 Therefore **gird up the loins of your mind**, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; **as obedient children**, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, **you also be holy in all your conduct**, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

- A. **To "gird" – is to equip, furnish, clothe, to endow with some attribute, to prepare oneself for action.**
- B. **To "gird up the loins" – is to get ready to do something difficult or strenuous.**
 - 1) **Every Christian needs to prepare themselves everyday for the strenuous task of forsaking worldliness while setting themselves apart for holiness in all things.**

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God**, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

- A. **To "sacrifice" – the act of giving up, destroying, or forgoing something valued for the sake of something having a more pressing claim.**
 - 1) **To the Christian there should not be anything or anyone more important than living for God.**

Mark 12:30 And you shall love the Lord your God with **all your heart**, with **all your soul**, with **all your mind**, and with **all your strength**.' This is the first commandment.

- A. Faithful Christians do just this! This kind of love for God will show in a Christian's daily life which will result in others clearly seeing that they are "holy," "sanctified" (set apart) for His service.**

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever things **are true**, whatever things **are noble**, whatever things **are just**, whatever things **are pure**, whatever things **are lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — **meditate on these things**.

- A. Christians should be spending their time thinking and meditating on things that are appropriate.**

1 John 3:1-3 Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore **the world does not know us, because it did not know Him**. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that **when He is revealed, we shall be like Him**, for we shall see Him as He is. And **everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure**.

- A. Every Christian who has their hope in Jesus Christ will also ensure that they are and remain pure as Jesus is pure.**

1 Peter 2:21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, **leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps**:

- A. Christian's should always be looking to Jesus, to know what He would do, and then strive to walk accordingly.**

What Many Christians Are Becoming

1. **Too many Christians are allowing themselves to be drawn in to the things in the world and as a result are becoming “of the world.”**

1 John 2:15-17 **Do not love the world or the things in the world.** If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life — is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; **but he who does the will of God abides forever.**

- A. **John is very clear in this passage of scripture, stating that only he who does the will of God will abide forever.**
 - B. **Too many Christians are allowing themselves to be caught up in worldly things.**
2. **During the days of Ezekiel, God’s people were turning back to worldliness and were chastised because of it.**

Ezekiel 24:13 In your filthiness is lewdness. **Because I have cleansed you, and you were not cleansed,** You will not be cleansed of your filthiness anymore, Till I have caused My fury to rest upon you.

- A. **They were cleansed – yet not really cleansed because their heart was not committed to Him.**
 - 1) **A failure to genuinely repent will result in God’s fury.**

Nahum 1:6 Who can stand before His indignation? And who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, And the rocks are thrown down by Him.

3. **It is a shame that many Christians have become defiled in mind and conscience**

Titus 1:15-16 To the pure all things are pure, **but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure;** but even **their mind and conscience are defiled.** They **profess to know God, but in works they deny Him,** being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

A Seared Conscience Results in Worldliness

1. **When Christians begin doing things over and over again, contrary to the teaching of God, over time, their conscience becomes seared.**

1 Timothy 4:1-2 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, **having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,**

- A. **“Seared” - to brand or cauterize, to make callous or unfeeling; harden.**

2. **Here a few examples of what MANY Christians are guilty of, sometimes not even realizing that they are guilty because of a conscience that has been seared:**

- A. **Using Bad Language or Listening to Bad Language**

- 1) **Some Christians are using language that connects them with those of the world. Others may not actually use the bad language, but have no problem allowing it to come into their mind.**

Ephesians 4:29 Let **no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth,** but what is good for necessary edification, that **it may impart grace to the hearers.**

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that **you may know how you ought to answer each one.**

- 2) **Some say, “well, as long as I do not use the words, there is nothing wrong with listening to them.”**

- a. **We are supposed to be pure in all aspects of our life – meditating on that which is pure. Isn’t profanity an unfruitful work of darkness? We should expose it for what it is – filth!**

Ephesians 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, **but rather expose them.**

B. Dressing Immodestly

- 1) **Those of the world dress “to be noticed by the opposite sex.” Christians should dress “to be noticed as being a child of God.”**

1 Timothy 2:9-10 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, **which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.**

- 2) **Our dress should always be first and foremost pleasing to God.**

Hell's Haunting Fury!

1. **It has become obvious that many Christians are not going to heaven when their time on earth ends.**
 - A. **Why? – Because, after becoming a Christian, instead of striving to live for God above anything or anyone else, they have allowed themselves to become part of the world around them.**
 - B. **As a result, Hell awaits, along with the haunting fury that goes along with it because they will always know that they were once safe in Jesus, but later allowed themselves to become entangled with the world.**

2 Peter 2:20-22 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, **they are again entangled in them and overcome**, the latter end is worse for them than the **beginning**. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, **than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them**. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."

2. **It will be a haunting furious hell that awaits the many Christians who have turned their focus away from God to a life of worldliness!**

