

Living Like We Want to Go to Hell

Introduction

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

1. We normally do not hear from others that they are “wanting to, and looking forward to going to Hell.”
 - A. Most believe that Hell is reserved for the most evil of men and that most people will go to Heaven.
 - 1) Which is quite opposite of what Jesus actually says.
Matthew 7:13-14
2. Hell is a place that is prepared for the devil and his angels.
 - A. It is one of two eternal destinations for man (Matthew 25:46).
3. In today’s lesson I want to impress upon everyone of us the reality of Hell and the individuals that will occupy this place throughout eternity.

The Use of the Word "Hell"

1. The word "Hell" has various translations and meanings.

A. A grave.

Psalms 9:17; 16:10

Luke 10:15

B. The realm of the dead (hades)

Matthew 16:18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the **gates of Hades** shall not prevail against it.

1) The righteous and unrighteous descend there.

Luke 16:23-24

2) The place that could not hold Jesus.

Acts 2:27-31

3) It cannot prevail against the church (Matthew 16:18).

4) It will be defeated at the end of time.

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

Revelation 20:13-14

C. It is a place where fallen angels are bound (tartarus).

2 Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but **cast them down to hell** and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment;

D. It is the eternal destiny of the wicked (gehenna)

Matthew 5:22, 29-30

Living with a View Toward Hell

1. Our evil and/or careless deeds lead us on a pathway to hell.

1 Timothy 5:24 Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgment, but those of some men follow later.

A. Spiritual contempt will lead us there.

Matthew 5:22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

B. Certain hindrances will lead us to hell.

Matthew 5:29-30 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.

2. Our tongue can be an instrument of unrighteousness leading to hell.

James 3:6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.

3. Even so called "religious people" can become the very sons of hell.

Matthew 23:15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.

What Awaits the Soul in Hell?

1. Eternal Punishment.

Romans 2:8-9

2. The destruction of body and soul.

Luke 12:4-5

3. Eternal Separation.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-9

4. An eternal habitation with every evil being who has ever lived.

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

5. A furnace of fire!

Revelation 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

6. Where the worm does not die.

Mark 9:43-48

7. There will continuous darkness and weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 22:13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

8. A lake of fire and brimstone.

Revelation 20:11-15

Who Are Destined for Hell?

1. It begins with the devil himself along with his angels.

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:'

2. The morally corrupt.

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3. The apostates

Hebrews 6:4-8; 10:26-31

4. The hypocrites

Romans 2:1-9

5. Unfruitful Christians

John 15:1-8

6. The unprepared and unfaithful Christians.

Matthew 25:1-13

7. Those who do not know God or obey the gospel.

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,

