

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Hell****Hell - posted by Logic, on: 2006/3/20 14:57**

Could I suggest that Hell is the unsaved being stuck in their dead body 6 feet in the ground until the great judgment.

Then the earth will be destroyed as we read in Rev. 21:1, when all the dead have been cast to the lake of fire and all the living are with Jesus, then the grave is destroyed.

Hell: The grave

The word hell is an old word of Celtic and Norse origin.

Celtic: hidden, a place of the unseen, or a buried storage.

Norse: Hell, the goddess of the under ground.

sheol: Hebrew for hell

hadees: Greek for hell;

Death and Hadees will be delivered up Rev. 20: 13.

Hadees is to be destroyed. I Cor. 15: 55; & Rev. 20: 14.

Therefore Hadees is of temporary duration.

tartarus:

2Peter 2: 4 "For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to Hell(Tartarus), and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment."

And

Jud 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Since the devil and his angles have no body to be stuck in 6Ft. underground, they would need a place of holding until the judgment to the lake of fire.

gehenna: Originally the Valley of Hinnom, Traditional teaching is that this valley, outside of Jerusalem, was a dump that constantly burned as more trash was placed in it and is referring to the lake of fire.

This is only an Idea that I have pondered.

Re: Hell, on: 2006/3/20 15:04

Jesus taught more on hell than on heaven. Hell is described as a lake of fire, a place of wailing and nashing of teeth. A place of torment.

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto **them** on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels...

Who is this talking about? Unsaved people. Particularly those who thought they were believers but were not.

So your theory is flawed. The inerrant Word of God does in fact teach that the unsaved will spend eternity in hell. Not the grave.

Krispy

Re: Hell - posted by h2oboy (), on: 2006/3/20 19:51

Hello Logic,

Right idea, right path. I wonder who described hell as a 'lake of fire' Jesus or the translators.

Matt 25:41

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: KJV

Have you ever noticed that the everlasting fire was prepared for the devil and his angels, not man. The Lord is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2 Peter 3:9 KJV

But He will let us have what we choose.

John 3:17-19

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

KJV

Jeff

Re: - posted by jimbob, on: 2006/3/20 20:44

KK,

Jude 7 "Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they indulged in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example, in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire."

Is there a place over in the middle east right now that is literally eternally burning? If that fire that burnt S&G is eternal fire then it should be still going on right now correct? Or maybe, just maybe, the Bible speaks metaphorically sometimes.

Re:, on: 2006/3/20 21:15

What about the rich man and Lazarus? Many hell deniers overlook this in the bible, but Jesus taught about it, and NO, it was NOT a parable. If it were, the bible would have said it was. Right?

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Re:, on: 2006/3/20 21:19

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Ah, so there is no truth? How do we know what to believe in our Bibles? We can't, right?

Krispy

Re: - posted by h2oboy (), on: 2006/3/20 21:59

Krispy,

I was just wondering, if Jesus didn't speak English, then where did the connection come from between the lake of fire which is real and hell which is real?

Jeff

Re: - posted by jimbob, on: 2006/3/21 2:59

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BTW the doctrine of hell fire never saved anyone, that would be the doctrine of Christ.

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/3/21 8:42

I'm sorry, I meant that the dead are stuck in their dead bodies until the judgment and then they are sent to the lake of fire for eternity.

Re:, on: 2006/3/21 9:17

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Sorry if I get under your skin, Jimbob. Truth does that sometimes.

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Is that what you're "accusing" me of? ;-)

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You should listen the teachings of Ray Comfort sometime. (Available right here on SI)

Love ya, bro...

Krispy

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2006/3/21 11:44

2 Thessalonians 1

5All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. 6God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. 8He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power 10on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

Revelation 20:

11Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. 14Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire

The Lake of fire is real and it is everlasting and eternal. The lake of fire is what it sounds like. A lake that is nothing but fire. Jesus told the story of the rich man who was tormented by the flame. 2 Thess. tells us that those who do not obey the Gospel will be punished with everlasting destruction. Those whose names are not written in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire. The same lake of fire that contains the Devil, the false prophet and the beast. (Rev 20:10) The lake of fire is eternal punishment, the Bible is very clear about this.

If I may borrow a quote from Ray Comfort:

If you believe that the God you serve is too nice to punish the wicked with everlasting damnation....then...your right. Your God would never do that. The problem is...your God doesn't exist, he is a figment of your imagination. This is called idolatry. It is denying the truth of God and exchanging it for a God you are comfortable with.

Re: - posted by JaySaved, on: 2006/3/21 12:00

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Amen!

A problem that a lot of people have is that we get these ideas of who and what God is that is not based on scripture. Th

en when confronted with scripture that refutes our 'ideas' we try to make the scripture fit our idea instead of learning from the truth in the Bible.

This is a major reason why most people do not believe in the inerrancy of the Bible. They just don't like what it says. As Adrian Rogers put it, "They don't have an intellectual problem with scripture, they have a moral problem with scripture".

Now, let us be slow to accuse the translators of putting words into Jesus' mouth. If the Bible says 'Jesus said' then Jesus said!

Re: - posted by h2oboy (), on: 2006/3/22 8:46

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Deu 32:22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

Mat 5:22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of **hell fire**.

Mat 18:9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into **hell fire**.

Rev 20:14 And death and **hell were cast into the lake of fire** This is the second death.

The last verse tell us that hell is secret but then becomes the fire when it is cast.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2006/3/22 9:51

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46: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

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The worm does not die -v. 44, 48. The last I looked, worms are easy to kill...have you never killed a worm? So what kind of a fire is this where the worm is not killed but still lives?

To the carnal person it would be 'nice' to believe hell is not eternal, that the unrepentant would burn up and be history. End of existence. Actually, I do want to believe that, but the Bible teaches otherwise so I am left with who do I believe? what my carnal nature wants to? or do I decide to believe what Jesus says in his Word? I choose to believe Jesus. And I would suppose once I get to heaven I will understand the wisdom of all this and agree with God in matters of how he dispersed with the wicked.

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We all know that the lake of fire is eternal, there is no argument there. there dispute is about the word hell. what is it? Is it a place of holding, or is it just 6 ft. under ground until the judgment at the end. after the judgment we all know that there is the lake of fire.

Quote:

-----46: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Does anyone figure that the worm here is your conscience, like a worm, it eats at you for all eternity.

Re: - posted by vico, on: 2006/3/22 21:03

Revelation 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Re: - posted by h2oboy (), on: 2006/3/22 23:05

Logic,

Thank you for getting me back straight. I had studied the difference and if I had reviewed your original post I would not have phrased the question ignorantly.

The problem as you put it is simply the King James translation of the word Hades. It definitely is not a pleasant place for the departed souls of the unrighteous but it is not the lake of fire (hell). Those who are suffering in Hades, the ones not taken out by Jesus (the righteous), still have the lake of fire to look forward to.

Thanks again for the explanation.
Jeff

Re: - posted by kristi1, on: 2006/3/27 0:29

Sheol or Hell is described in the story of Lazarus and the rich man. This place was the abode of the dead. It was divided into two areas with a great cavern in between. Lazarus was on one side with Abraham in Abraham's bosom and the rich man was in Sheol.

Luke 16:22-26

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom; the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lifted up his eyes; being in torments; and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed; so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

I have gotten the impression that Abraham's bosom is now empty and Jesus has taken the Old Testament saints to Heaven. It is my understanding that this is what is to be meant by the phrase "and he led captives in his train". I tried to find that phrase and could not. So, I don't know.

However, I do think that the above scripture would rule out the concept of the dead being in their coffins. This describes them as able to have physical desires and be able to communicate and move around in a physical place.

This place is distinct from the lake of fire because Revelation says that it will be thrown into the lake of fire.

Questions are good. We are to study to show ourselves approved. A workman who need not be ashamed.

Re: - posted by taco, on: 2006/3/27 9:37

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Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/3/27 12:00

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Re: - posted by taco, on: 2006/3/27 15:01

Quote:

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I have.

Have you?

Re: - posted by Logic, on: 2006/3/27 15:25

I'm sorry, I was only telling how she came up with that.

Hell occurs 53 times

I think there is more about heaven as you counted.

Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2006/3/27 16:08

Some thoughts on hell from a post in 2005:

HELL: The District of Damnation

By Robert Wurtz II

Hell is the district of eternal damnation. It is a location that has been set apart to quarantine wickedness. Hell was created by God for the devil and his followers. Scripture uses many illustrations to describe Hell and none is more fearsome than that of Tophet/Gehenna. Tophet was a small valley southwest of Jerusalem which belonged to the sons of Hinnom. According to Jeremiah 7:31 the Children of Israel would come and sacrifice their children there to the false god Molech (I Kings 11:7,33; II Kings 16:3; Jeremiah 19:6, 11-14; etc.). Those Jews who had fallen into idolatry placed a large, bronze, hollowed out statue of Molech-shaped like a man and with its arms outstretched. A fire would be built within the statue that was fed by an air canal that made for a fierce heat. When the flames were intense and the arms red-hot the idolaters would place their babies onto the outstretched arms and hands. Some accounts say they would calculate the distance and throw the infant directly into the fire. The infants would die a horrific death; their skin would be burned off and their bodies burned alive. The screams and cries of the babies would be unbearable, even to these depraved people. Therefore, drums (tophim) were played to drown out the hideous screams of the infants to make the event tolerable for the parents who had all but quenched their familial love (storgos). Hence, Tophet, in the Hebrew, signifies the beating of drums.

Tophet Becomes Gehenna

Over the course of time Tophet became synonymous with judgment and slaughter in Jewish history. King Josiah stopped the Children of Israel from making their sons and daughters "pass through the fire" and is believed to have been the person who made the area a garbage dump. Later, when Babylon came to destroy Jerusalem dead bodies were piled there until there was no room (Jeremiah 7:32, 33).

By the time of Jesus, Gehenna was a trash dump that burned continually outside the city. The cities refuse, as well as the bodies of criminals, were thrown there. Gehenna was the 'visual' that Jesus used to illustrate what hell is like. Everything that we know of and think of concerning Tophet/Gehenna must come to bare. The fire, the screams, the burning of refuse; all of these are analogies as to what hell is. Hell is a place where the cosmic refuse of God's creation is burned. It is a place where those who desire to rebel against the love and peace of God are quarantined and burned.

Deep and Large

In Isaiah 30:33 we read... For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large : the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it. Hell was created for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41). Had Satan opportunity, he would have turned Heaven into Hell. He is the enemy of ALL that Heaven is. He does not like the conditions of Heaven and brought war to it. We must understand that Satan was not at home in Heaven once sin was found in him. He obviously enjoys the pains of Hell because of his behavior after 1000 years in the bottomless pit. He comes out only to ADD to the punishments that he justly deserves.

God did not create hell for man; but man has chosen to follow Satan and Satan is headed for hell. I have personally known of demonized men to say; "why should I go to Heaven and worship God all the time." (and other unutterable things) It was then that I realized that this man by his own admission, would not be at home in Heaven. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it (Isaiah 5:14). Hell has expanded to contain the multitudes that are walking the broad road following Satan who militate against all that is good.

Why Teaching on Hell is Often NOT Effective

If there is one thing that characterizes our culture and generation it is one of the "here and now" and of "instant gratification". People go into extreme amounts of debt because of the need for instant gratification. They are bolstered by the idea that the payments won't be coming for a month or a year or more. "No payments until next year" is a sales and marketing strategy that seeks to allure people by making the payment for their excesses seem more distant and in the future. A sober minded person sees straight through such a tactic and refuses to buy anything on such terms. The Devil, in like fashion tells people to go ahead and sin; because there are no real payments "until eternity". Because the sentence is not carried out speedily; man's heart is fully set in them to do evil (Ecclesiastes 8:11).

People do not fear things that are distant because they are distant. They think they will "cross that bridge when they get to it." And cross over they will- over that great gulf affixed (Luke 16:26). I have heard it said that men spend their whole lives pressing the thought of death as far back into their minds as possible. How much more do they seek to bury the idea of unending flame?

Another Reason Why Teaching on Hell is Often NOT Effective

What are the tophim (drums) of our lives? What are we doing to drown out the sounds and horrors of hell? What are we doing to numb our minds to the reality of hell? What is the overarching distraction that is keeping us from focusing on hell? What do we do to put hell out of our minds? The horror of hell never changes; but there are things we do to put it out of our minds. Jesus said that if our hands or feet or eyes offend us we ought to do away with them rather than go to hell (Matthew 5:29). Many, rather than doing away with them do away with the thought of hell. Jesus also said that we should not fear men who can merely kill the body; but we should fear the one who can perpetually destroy our soul in hell (Matthew 10:28). Where is that fear? Why has the doctrine of hell not been as effective as it should be? Why are people so careless with their soul in the face of such unimaginable consequences? Why do people keep telling themselves that there is time to repent? Why do we "beat the drums of procrastination" or self-deception? Why don't people want to hear it?

Many haply travel the downward broad road of destruction with the thought that they will someday change. They procrastinate as though they will feel the need to repent any greater than now. Their unconscious policy is procrastination and it is among the most dooming of mindsets. It's as though people think that right in front of the gates of hell there is going to be an "exit" for them to take; but by then it will be too late. After they had spent as many lifetimes gnawing their tongue for pain as there is sand on the sea shore there will be yet one word that will haunt them the most: ETERNITY. They have been there so long and yet they will be there forever and ever. Nothing is worth that. Nothing is worth even remotely risking that. The enemy is beating the drums of indifference and deceit- we must hearken to the cries of God's word as it defines hell.

If there is a sinner in this house, let me say to him, Abandon all your excuses. You have been told to-night that they are all vain. To-night it will be told in hell, and told in heaven, and echoed from the ends of the universe, what you decide to do. This very hour may seal your eternal destiny. Will you submit to God to-night--NOW? (C.G.F Lecture X)