

## Hell

### I. Introduction

- A. Jonathan Edwards preached his most famous sermon on July 8, 1741, called?
- B. How many have really taken Hell for granted and never really studied it deeply, after you believed you were saved or were NOT going there?
- C. 7 Key Views
  - 1. **Hell**—A literal place of fiery eternal torment for the judgment of the resurrected body and soul/spirit of all rejecters of Jesus' offer of eternal salvation from the penalty of their sins.
  - 2. **Life = Hell**—Hell does not really exist as a literal place of torment, reincarnation or soul/spirit goes through a series of "*rebirths*," temporary suffering, or judgment during their lives.
  - 3. **Hell = Grave**—Temporary torment while the body rots in the grave.
  - 4. **Soul Sleep**—Soul/Spirit lives on eternally, unconscious, sleeping so not in pain.
  - 5. **Annihilation**—God annihilates the soul/spirit, so it is no more
  - 6. **Hell is not painful**—The Devil and the unsaved are just partying.
  - 7. **No Hell**—God is too loving or there is no God, so no eternal judgment or Hell.
- D. Why did God create Hell?
- E. Why do men go to Hell?
- F. Complete the statement, "*Hell...*"

### II. Scripture

- A. Word Study
  - 1. "**Hell**" (54—OT: 31; NT: 23).
    - a. OT: **Sheol** (65 times)—"**Hell**" (31), **Hades**, the world of the dead, **the grave**, **the pit**.
    - b. NT: **Gehena/Hinnom**—"Hell" (12), valley of Hinnom (a valley in Jerusalem where they burnt trash), everlasting punishment.
    - c. NT: **Hades** (11 times)—"**Hell**" (10), **Hades**, **grave**, place of departed souls/spirits.
    - d. NT: **Tartaroo**—"Hell" (1), to incarcerate in eternal torment, the deepest abyss of Hades.
  - 2. "**Everlasting Fire**" (*Mat. 18:18; 25:41*).
  - 3. "**Eternal Fire**" (*Jude 7*).
  - 4. "**The Lake of Fire**" (4 times)—*Rev. 19:20; 20:10, 14, 15*.
  - 5. "[**T**]he fire that never shall be quenched" (2 times)—*Mar. 9:43, 45*.
  - 6. Descriptions of Hell in the Bible include words or phrases like: "**burn**," "**fire**," "**damnation**," "**pains**," "**trouble**," "**torments**," "**sorrow**," "**the lake which**

*burneth with fire and brimstone” (Rev. 21:8), “It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up forever” (Isa. 34:10)...*

B. Definition: A fiery place of everlasting conscious, unrest, bodily torment, judgment, darkness, punishment, and separation from God.

C. Select Verses

1. *Psa. 9:17—“The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”*
2. *Mat. 5:29-30—“And if thy right eye offends thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offends thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.”*
3. *Mat. 10:28—“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”*
4. *Mat. 16:18—“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*
5. *Mar. 9:45—“And if thy foot offends thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:”*
6. *2Th. 1:8-9—“In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”*
7. *Rev. 1:18—“I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”*
8. *Rev. 14:11—“And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.”*
9. *Rev. 19:3—“And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up forever and ever.”*

D. Related Phrases and Passages

1. *Luk. 16:19-31 (“Abraham’s Bosom” [Paradise], “great gulf”, “Hell”).*
2. *1Pe. 3:18-22 (“preached unto the spirits in prison”).*
3. *1Pe. 4:5-6 (“preached also to them that are dead”).*
4. *Eph. 4:8-10 (“descended first into the lower parts of the earth”).*
5. *2Pe. 2:4 (“chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment”).*
6. *Jude 6 (“reserved in everlasting chains under darkness”).*
7. *1Sa. 28:7-20 (“Why has thou disquieted me, to bring me up [from the dead]?”).*
8. *Rev. 20:1-5, 10-15 (“bottomless pit,” “death and hell were cast into the lake of fire”).*

III. Application

A. Do you believe in a literal Hell as a place of eternal torment for rejectors of God's love? Why or why not?

B. How should the reality and knowledge of Hell make us live differently?

C. Do you think Christians should talk about Hell, why?