

About Going to Hell

It is important that we know that Hell is a real place. One of Satan's lies is to make people believe that a loving God would not send anyone to Hell. And like the best lies, there is a lot of truth to that. God does not send anyone to Hell. People choose to go to Hell with their sins forgiven! If anyone accepts Christ's death, burial, and resurrection as payment for his sins, he will not go to Hell—no matter how he has lived his life on earth. If anyone rejects Christ's payment for his sins, he will pay for his sins, however few there are, in Hell for eternity. There is nothing but an eternal life sentence to the prison of Hell. It is important that we get this message out to our family and friends.

We have all seen cartoons and Halloween costumes and heard stories that Satan rules in Hell much like God rules in heaven. Nothing could be further from the truth. God created Hell for Satan and his angels.

Matthew 24:41-43

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:** For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was

thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

The Bible also describes what it is like for a person to go to Hell. God saved Jonah from Hell but Jonah describes what it was like to go there.

Jonah 2:3-6

For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

Does it surprise you that many descriptions of going to Hell involve water, and waves coming up over people?

Psalm 69:14-15

Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the waterflood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

Psalm 88:4-7, 16

I am counted with them that go down into the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength: Free among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more: and they are cut off from thy hand. **Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. Thy wrath lieth hard upon me, and thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves.** Selah. Thy fierce wrath goeth over me; **thy terrors have cut me off. They came round about me daily like water; they compassed me about together.**

Korah and his men were taken to the pit (Hell) when the earth closed up on them.

Numbers 16:32-35

And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that

appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. **They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.** And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also.

And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

Here is a description of a rich man going to Hell. It includes his reception by others in Hell.

Job 27:19-23

The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered: he openeth his eyes, and he is not. Terrors take hold on him as waters, a tempest stealeth him away in the night. The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth: and **as a storm** hurleth him out of his place. For God shall cast upon him, and not spare: he would fain flee out of his hand. Men shall clap their hands at him, and shall hiss him out of his place.

Have you ever heard someone say that they don't mind going to Hell because all of their friends will

be there? The previous passage describes a person's reception in Hell. Men clap their hands at him and hiss him out of his place. Psalm 88 is very specific; a person in Hell is locked up and cannot associate with lover, friend, or acquaintances.

Psalm 88:6, 8, 18

Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, in darkness, in the deeps. **Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far from me; thou hast made me an abomination unto them: I am shut up, and I cannot come forth. Lover and friend hast thou put far from me, and mine acquaintance into darkness.**

The people in Hell are pretty disgusting to look at. Isaiah and even Jesus Christ himself calls peoples' bodies in Hell "their worm" and Isaiah says they will be an abhorring unto all flesh. Both passages agree that in Hell, the worm (body) will not die and the fire will not be quenched. The punishment will be forever.

Isaiah 66:22-24

For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the

LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: **for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.**

Mark 9:43-48

And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to **go into Hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.** And if thy foot offend 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: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.** And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes **to be cast into Hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.**

What about the torments in Hell? The Bible always associates Hell with fire and brimstone and torments. We have already shown that people in Hell are in isolation, solitary confinement. John tells us that fear is one of the torments.

1 John 4:17-18

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. **There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.**

Inmates of Hell experience extreme heat and suffocating odor of fire and brimstone (burning sulfur.)

Luke 16:22-24

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 lift 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.

Deuteronomy 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.

The inmates of Hell still cannot get away from God.

Psalm 119:8

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in Hell, behold, thou art there.

The Bible says that one of the torments for unbelievers on earth is the word of God being preached (prophecy.)

Revelation 11:3-10

And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, **fire**

proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. **These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will.** And when they shall have finished their testimony, **the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.** And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and an half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. **And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth.**

You know then, that one of the torments of Hell is that the word of God will be preached to people who had been unbelievers on earth.

Say it now, or say it later, but you will say it and know it. The Bible says that everyone, on their knees, will confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father. That means everyone will come to know Jesus is Lord. Those who do not do so before they die, will do so after they die when that knowledge is too late to save them. Can you imagine there being any torment worse than knowing the truth (the word of God) when it's too late to do anything about it?

Isaiah 45:22-23

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, **That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.**

Romans 14:11-12

For it is written, **As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.** So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

Philippians 2:9-11

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and

given him a name which is above every name:
That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.