

ETERNAL HELL: THE LAKE OF FIRE**Pastor Bob Carvalho****September 2, 2018**

Hades signifies the place and state of the soul between natural death and the resurrection.

In Revelation, Gehenna is used to denote the place of eternal punishment beyond the resurrection.

Revelation 20:13-15

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. ¹⁴ Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Romans 2:5-8

For a day of anger is coming, when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ He will judge everyone according to what they have done. ⁷ He will give eternal life to those who keep on doing good, seeking after the glory and honor and immortality that God offers. ⁸ But He will pour out His anger and wrath on those who live for themselves, who refuse to obey the truth and instead live lives of wickedness.

The biblical truth that I want us to understand, believe, and live by today is this: a time is coming when every responsible person, on the basis of his or her attitudes, will meet the final judgment of God either as eternal life or as wrath and fury.

John Piper

THE WRATH OF GOD

If we focus on the wrath of God that falls on human beings at the final judgment, we can say at least four things about it:

1. The final wrath of God is **ETERNAL** — having no end.
2. The final wrath of God will be **TERRIBLE** — indescribable pain.
3. The wrath of God will be **DESERVED** — totally just and right.
4. At the end of the age, when the full and final wrath of God is poured out, it will have been **ESCAPABLE**.

The time is coming, however, when the day of mercy shall close; when the door of opportunity shall be shut; when the tender pleadings and convictions of the Holy Spirit shall cease. Then the harvest for souls will be over; the season for sowing will end. Christ will leave His throne as our mediator and take His rightful place at the judgment seat. The world will be without an advocate, the world will no longer need a Savior.

Hell is insufficient to save anybody. Hell cannot scare anyone into heaven because heaven is a place for those who love God, not for those who just fear Hell.

Dear God, I know I am on the wrong path. I admit that I am a sinner on the road headed away from You. I want to turn around and journey with You on the road to eternal life. I know I cannot do that by myself. I know that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins. Right now, I trust in Jesus as the only One who can provide true life, the life that is found in You. I trust in Jesus as the One who did for me what I cannot do for myself and as the only One who can place me in an eternal relationship with You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.