

Receive, or Reject Your Choice

Fifty-seven people died when Mount St. Helens erupted in Washington on May 18, 1980 at 8:32 a.m.

Harry Randall Truman, 83, became somewhat of a folk hero in the weeks leading up to the eruption after he refused to vacate his home near Mount St. Helens despite being urged to leave by officials.

Mr. Truman, like all of us, had the power to receive, or reject the truth. He was warned, but he rejected the warning and died. His body was never recovered. Hundreds of others received the warning and lived.

How many of you blame the authorities for sending Mr. Truman to a fire and brimstone death?

If you, or someone you know, is being tempted to question the goodness of God because of the Bible's teaching on Heaven and Hell, let's look at who's responsible for our final destination.

1. Jesus doesn't reject anybody, but everybody rejected Him.

“He came to that which was His own [that which belonged to Him—His world, His creation, His possession], and those who were His own [people—the Jewish nation] did not receive and welcome Him.”

John 1:11 AMP

“He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on Him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.”

Isaiah 53:3 NLT

2. Mankind has a long history of rejecting God.

“Throughout human history the fingerprints of God were upon them, yet they refused to honor Him as God or even be thankful for His kindness. Instead, they entertained corrupt and foolish thoughts about what God was like. This left them with nothing but misguided hearts, steeped in moral darkness.”

Romans 1:21 TPT

“This is the judgment [that is, the cause for indictment, the test by which people are judged, the basis for the sentence]: the Light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. For every wrongdoer hates the Light, and does not come to the Light [but shrinks from it] for fear that his [sinful, worthless] activities will be exposed and condemned.”

John 3:19-20 AMP

3. Even the religious have rejected God.

“You rejected the One who is holy and righteous, and instead begged for a murderer to be released.”

Acts 3:14 TPT

-We reject Jesus when we refuse to obey His word, refuse to follow do what He’s called us to do, refuse His correction.

“If you hear my words and refuse to follow them, I do not judge you. For I have not come to judge you but to save you. If you reject me and refuse to follow my words, you already have a judge. The message of truth I have given you will rise up to judge you at the Day of Judgment.”

John 12:47-48 TPT

4. What is God’s choice?

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

John 3:16-17 NKJV

“The Lord does not delay [as though He were unable to act] and is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is [extraordinarily] patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9 AMP

Every person’s life and eternal destiny depends what they choose to receive and what they choose to reject.

Receive all that God provides and choose abundant life!