



HELL

What is it and why it matters

The weird things people do with Hell:

- Christian Science says Hell is an error of the mortal mind**
- JW's say that Hell is simply annihilation**
- Mormons say Hell is just a hot little stay for a while then you get out**
- Seventh-day Adventist believe that God will just blot out sinners from memory**

3 Eye-opening realities about Hell

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“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels”

Matthew 25:41

“When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open for us,’ and He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know you, where you are from,’ then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.’ But He will say, ‘I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out.” Luke 13:25-28

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Hell is a place of actual fire and burning—with an unquenchable fire.

“The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 13:41-42

“And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—where

‘Their worm does not die

And the fire is not quenched.’ Mark 9:47-48

Hell is a place of torment.

Jesus quotes the "rich man" who had died and been sent to hell. Listen to his words from hell, **"I am in agony in this fire." (Luke 16:24).**

"Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' Matthew 22:13

"And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' Matthew 25:30

Hell is a place of darkness.

“And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” Matthew 8:11-12

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ Matthew 22:11-13

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Hell is forever.

“Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Matthew 25:45-46

“These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power” 2 Thessalonians 1:9

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What should this information about hell do for us?

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, then this should stir a deep compassion for the lost—so much so that you would be ready to share the Gospel with them.

If you are an unbeliever, then you are in great jeopardy this morning.

Hell is real and you should run to Jesus Christ and place your faith in Him today as your Lord and Savior.

“And He said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” Revelation 21:6-8

“Remember that what you possess in this world will be found at the day of your death and belong to somebody else, but what you are in this world will belong to you forever.”

-Henry Van Dyke