

## Why Would a Good God Send People to Hell?

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Despite how difficult and burdensome the notion of hell is, we don't abandon it.

### WHAT WE KNOW- AND DON'T KNOW-ABOUT HELL

*Jesus says that the unrighteous "will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."* Matthew 25:46

*But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. He asked, "How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?" The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, "Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."* Matthew 22:11-13

- Hell means exclusion: Throw him outside...
- Hell is darkness: Throw him outside, into the darkness...
- Hell involves anguish: ...where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth

*The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books ... [and] If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.* Revelation 20:11-14

Hell is the absence of God!

### WHY HELL IS NECESSARY

- Hell is necessary because human dignity demands it.

*He has set eternity in the human heart.* Ecclesiastes 3:10

- Hell is necessary because justice demands it.

*There is no one righteous, not even one...* Romans 3:10

- Hell is necessary because love demands it.

### HOW TO ENSURE YOU DON'T GO TO HELL

*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.* Romans 10:13.

We have to choose now, in this life, where we want to spend eternity: with God or without Him.