

## HELL FIRE

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It is amazing the number of people that will tell you that they believe in heaven. Heaven is the most pleasant topic in all languages and in all cultures. Though we quite readily believe in heaven, we are quick to doubt that there is an eternally burning place called hell. Hell is the most unpleasant place in all languages and all cultures. The fact is, that most folks in the world have a perverted view of heaven that has been fed to them from the plate of false religion. They also have a perverted view of hell. The Bible doctrine of hell is so frightful for the religionists of today's apostate, effeminate Christianity that they have lessened its impact on the unbelievers of today by referring to it as "sheole", "the grave", and "gehenna". These are nondescript terms that in no way convey to the unbeliever of today the harsh reality of hell. It is not "sheole". It is a literal, eternally burning hell. It is not "the grave". It is a literal, eternally burning hell. It is not "gehenna". It is a literal, eternally burning hell. The terms "sheole" and "gehenna" have absolutely no meaning to the unbelievers that walk the streets of English speaking nations. That is the way that the Devil (Satan) would have it. But, if you mention the word hell to English speaking peoples they immediately connect hell with fire. Do the words "sheole" and "gehenna" bring fear to the hearts and minds of unbelievers? They definitely do not! The Bible says in Jude 22-23: 22 And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

What does the Bible have to say about hell? You will have to have a King James Bible to fully receive God's desired impact of what God has to say about hell.

There is no fear of God today in the United States of America. We are a country full of hell bound sinners that are on the broad pathway to destruction. We mock God in our arrogance and self esteem while murdering his unborn babies. We are a nation of filthy dreamers that parade sodomy before God as if it were some kind of puppet show. We are a country that is full of the devil. We are deserving of the judgement and condemnation of God. The Bible says in *Psalm 9:17*: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God".

Turn in your bibles to *Revelation 20:11-15* where we see:

<sup>11</sup> And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup> And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. <sup>13</sup> And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. <sup>14</sup> And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup> And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. *Revelation 20:11-15*

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There is coming a day of reckoning for all those who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. The Bible says in *Hebrews 9:27*: 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. This is the very judgement we just read about in Revelation 20. If you are sitting here lost, you have no guarantee of another breath. *Job 14:1* says: Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble. *James 4:13-14* says: “13 Go to now, ye that say, To day or to morrow we will go into such a city, and continue there a year, and buy and sell, and get gain: 14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away”. *Proverbs 27:1* says: “Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth”. You are not promised another breath. The Bible says in *Lamentations 3:22* that it is of the Lord’s mercies that we are not consumed. We deserve death, but because of the great mercy of God we are offered eternal life.

There was a secular song that was sung by a man that said he knew there was no heaven and he prayed that there was no hell. That man could not be more wrong. Every lost person on the face of this earth is being manipulated by Satan above the fires of hell like a puppet on very thin frayed strings that are already on fire. Hell is a scriptural fact that cannot be explained away. Hell is an eternal place at the end of a Christ-less life. Hell is a place of eternal fire and damnation. Hell is a place of eternal torment. The Bible uses the word hell 54 different times. The Lord Jesus Christ preached more on hell than he ever did on heaven. I want you to follow on a trip through the Bible.

<sup>22</sup> 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.  
*Deuteronomy 32:22*

**This is the first time we see the word hell in our Bibles. In its first mention it is tied to fire. It is a burning place.**

<sup>24</sup> For the LORD thy God *is* a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God. *Deuteronomy 4:24*

<sup>3</sup> Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God *is* he which goeth over before thee; *as* a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee. *Deuteronomy 9:3*

<sup>28</sup> Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: <sup>29</sup> For our God *is* a consuming fire. *Hebrews 12:28-29*

<sup>17</sup> The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God. *Psalms 9:17*

<sup>3</sup> The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow. *Psalms 116:3*

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<sup>13</sup> Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die. <sup>14</sup> Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell. *Proverbs 23:13-14*

### **Hell is a place to be delivered from.**

<sup>20</sup> Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied. *Proverbs 27:20*

<sup>11</sup> Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that* they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, *till* wine inflame them! <sup>12</sup> And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the LORD, neither consider the operation of his hands. <sup>13</sup> Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because *they have* no knowledge: and their honourable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. <sup>14</sup> Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. *Isaiah 5:11-14*

### **From Isaiah chapter 5, we see that the fires of hell are being constantly stoked with the bodies of men and women who have died in their sin.**

<sup>21</sup> Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: <sup>22</sup> But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire. *Matthew 5:21-22*

### **Notice that the Lord Jesus Christ uses the term “hell fire”. So, it is a literal burning place.**

<sup>29</sup> And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell. *Matthew 5:29-30*

### **I ask you why will you die in your sin and go to hell?**

<sup>28</sup> And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. *Matthew 10:28*

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<sup>40</sup> As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. <sup>41</sup> The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; <sup>42</sup> And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. <sup>49</sup> So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, <sup>50</sup> And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. *Matthew 13:40-42,49-50*

<sup>7</sup> Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! <sup>8</sup> Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast *them* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. <sup>9</sup> And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. *Matthew 18:7-9*

<sup>15</sup> Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. <sup>33</sup> *Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Matthew 23:15, 33*

### **This is what religious manipulation can do for you!**

<sup>41</sup> 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: <sup>46</sup> And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. *Matthew 25:41,46*

<sup>43</sup> 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: <sup>44</sup> Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. <sup>45</sup> 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: <sup>46</sup> Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. <sup>47</sup> 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: <sup>48</sup> Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. *Mark 9:43-48*

### **Again, I ask you why will you die in your sin and go to hell?**

<sup>16</sup> John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: <sup>17</sup> Whose fan *is* in his hand, and

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he will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. *Luke 3:16-17*

<sup>5</sup> But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. *Luke 12:5*

<sup>22</sup> 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; <sup>23</sup> And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. *Luke 16:22-23*

<sup>7</sup> Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. *Jude 7*

<sup>18</sup> *I am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. *Revelation 1:18*

<sup>8</sup> And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth. *Revelation 6:8*

<sup>9</sup> And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, <sup>10</sup> The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: <sup>11</sup> **And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever:** and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. *Revelation 14:9-11*

<sup>8</sup> But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. *Revelation 21:8*

Death, hell, and the lake of fire are the penalties for sin. We know from *Romans 6:23* that “the wages of sin is death”. The Bible says in *Romans 3:23*: “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”. The Bible also says in *Romans 5:12*: “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:”. The Bible says in:

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<sup>6</sup> But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. *Isaiah 64:6*

<sup>10</sup> As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: <sup>11</sup> There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. <sup>12</sup> They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. *Romans 3:10-12*

<sup>9</sup> The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

<sup>10</sup> I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings. *Jeremiah 17:9-10*

No one has to go to hell. It is an individual choice. The question is: “Will you choose eternal life in heaven or will you choose eternal death in hell?”. **Again, I ask you why will you die in your sin and go to hell?**

If you choose to make no choice at all, then you choose hell because the Bible says in *John 3:18,36*:

<sup>18</sup> He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

<sup>36</sup> He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. *John 3:18,36*

The Bible says that God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. God says in *Ezekiel 33:11*:

<sup>11</sup> Say unto them, *As I live*, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? *Ezekiel 33:11*

That phrase “turn ye, turn ye” means to repent. Repentance is a turning from a life of sin and a turning to God. The Bible says in *2 Peter 3:9*: “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”. There is NO salvation without repentance. Christ said in *Luke 13:3 and 5*: I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Repentance is not worldly sorrow. Repentance is Godly sorrow. The Bible says in *2 Corinthians 7:10*: For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Repentance is a work of the indwelling Holy Ghost of God. Repentance is the evidence of salvation. Through repentance, the lost sinner becomes a new creature. The Bible says in *2 Corinthians 5:17*: “Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”.

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The biggest problem I see and read about in churches of today are men and women and boys and girls walking away from professions of salvation and never showing forth any evidence of salvation. There has been no change in their attitude toward God and the things of God and therefore no repentance and no salvation. All things remain the same and nothing has become new. They are baptized church members on their way to hell. They have prayed a “sinner’s prayer” and been told that they are on their way to heaven. Salvation is more than a sinner’s prayer. Let me say this, if the sinner’s prayer is prayed from a repentant, believing heart, then God hears that prayer and salvation becomes a reality. But most people that pray the sinner’s prayer have been manipulated into saying some words without having a saving understanding of what salvation means and what God’s requirements for salvation are. They have been inoculated to the gospel because they have prayed the “sinner’s prayer”. They will tell you that they have done that when you question them about their lack of evidence of salvation. They will tell you that they have said those words. That they have prayed that prayer. If there has been no change in your lifestyle after your profession faith, then you need to do some serious soul searching into whether you are saved. I realize that some Christians are not properly disciplined following salvation, but I believe that the majority of professing Christians who show no evidence of salvation have never come to a saving belief in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Church member and lost sinner I would ask you: If you were to die today, do you know for a fact that you would go to heaven. Are you counting on your church membership, baptism certificate, or good works to get you into heaven? Without a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ none of these will do you any good. You will end up in hell and the lake of fire. God said in *2 Corinthians 13:5*: Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

What is God’s remedy for sin. Man has no remedy for, or escape from, the death and condemnation brought about by their sin. The good news is that God has provided a means of deliverance from the penalty of sin. That deliverance, or salvation, can only come through the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible says in *John 14:6* and *Acts 4:10-12*:

<sup>6</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. *John 14:6*

<sup>10</sup> Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole. <sup>11</sup> This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. <sup>12</sup> Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. *Acts 4:10-12*

This means that the only remedy for your sin that God will accept is the Lord Jesus Christ. Without the Lord Jesus Christ, we are lost and dying and on our way to hell. John said: behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

The Bible also says: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that

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whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life (*John 3:16*).”“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”(*Romans 5:8*). Salvation is not of man. There is nothing you can do to earn salvation. Salvation is not by works. Salvation is by grace through faith alone. *Ephesians 2:8-9* says: “8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast”. *Titus 3:5* says: “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”. Salvation is not in the church. That means that you can join every church in the world and still die in your sin and go to hell. Salvation is not in the baptismal pool. You can walk through every baptismal pool in the world and still die in your sin and go to hell. Christianity is not a religion, but is instead a living reality: the reality of Christ in you. Christianity is not hereditary. You are not a Christian because your mother and father were Christians. Salvation is not in some teacher, preacher, or evangelist. Salvation is in the Lord Jesus Christ.

You cannot come to salvation anytime you want to. It is in God’s time. The Bible says in *John 6:44*: “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day”. *Romans 10:17* says: “So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”. That is why we have prepared this information from the Bible on sin and salvation. We want you to hear from the word of God what God has to say about your sin and its penalty and your need for repentance and salvation. If you will exercise faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, God will grant you repentance unto salvation. Gods says in *John 3:3-8* that you cannot enter the kingdom of God (heaven) except ye be born again. *John 3:3-8* says:

<sup>3</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. <sup>8</sup> The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. *John 3:3-8*

To be born again means to be spiritually reborn from above by Holy Ghost of God. It means to be regenerated by the Holy Ghost of God. It is life from death. The Lord Jesus Christ was resurrected from death by the power of the Holy Ghost that you might have eternal life. That same Holy Ghost resurrects you from spiritual death through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Ghost. *Titus 3:5* says: “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;”. I repeat. Ye must be born again!

If salvation is a reality, it will result in a public confession of faith. You will want to tell others about it. The Bible says in *Romans 10:8-11*:

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<sup>8</sup> But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; <sup>9</sup> That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. *Romans 10:8-11*

The Bible also says in *Matthew 10:32-33*:

<sup>32</sup> Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. *Matthew 10:32-33*

It is most important that you not play games with God. If you do not repent of your sin and turn to God, there will come a day when God will stop dealing with you about your sin and you will die in your sin and suffer eternally in hell. The question I have for you this day is: “Will you perish in your sin and spend an eternity in hell. **Again, I ask you why will you die in your sin and go to hell?** Having said all of that, I want to warn you again not to trust in your own works for salvation. *Proverbs 14:12* and *16:25* say: “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death”. If you trust in your own works, you are going your own way which is the way of death. The Lord Jesus Christ said in *John 14:6*: “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”. The Lord Jesus Christ is the way to salvation. That means that he is the only way to salvation and that salvation is a one way street. If you are here lost today, you are going 90 miles and hour down a dead end street and you are going to crash and burn. I repeat. You will crash and burn for an eternity in the lake of fire. Listen to the warning of God from *Proverbs 1:23-31*.

<sup>23</sup> Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you. <sup>24</sup> Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; <sup>25</sup> But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: <sup>26</sup> I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; <sup>27</sup> When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. <sup>28</sup> Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: <sup>29</sup> For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: <sup>30</sup> They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. <sup>31</sup> Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. *Proverbs 1:23-31*

The fruit of your own way is the torments of hell and the lake of fire. Please, repent and turn to the Lord Jesus Christ today before it is too late.