

The Good News About Hell

my impressions

Use the **Bold Letters** to note your impressions below.

- A. It makes me angry B. Taken advantage of
C. Very relieved D. Sort of confused
E. That makes sense F. That is comforting
G. I don't understand H. What a relief
I. Very thankful J. That is so true
K. That makes things clear L. Other

- ____ 1. Some religious organizations have used the "doctrine" of a present and eternally burning hell to "persuade" people to be good or make contributions.
- ____ 2. No one is in hell right now according to Jesus' parable in (Matthew 13:39).
- ____ 3. God will not punish the unrighteous without first reviewing their life records and judging them according to their deeds. Then and only then is punishment meted out. (John 5:28,29)
- ____ 4. The wages of sin is death and this punishment will be forever (Revelation 21:8), in contrast to God's wonderful gift of eternal life. (John 3:16, Romans 6:23,)
- ____ 5. God is not a tyrant so as to make people suffer throughout eternity.
- ____ 6. The teaching of eternally burning people who have chosen not to love God is a slander upon God's loving character.
- ____ 7. Hell was invented by God to destroy everything that causes this world to be an awful place to live. It is never His desire to destroy the wicked (Ezekiel 33:11), but it is necessary if God's Kingdom is to be a safe and happy place.
- ____ 8. Even in the destruction of evil, God is merciful and just.

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Lesson #8

Scripture References

Revelation 20:9-10 ...and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire...

Interpreting Jesus' Story from Matthew 13:39-40

Enemy = Devil

Harvest = The _____ of the World

Reapers = Angels

Burning = Hell

John 12:48 ...the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

2 Peter 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the Day of Judgment to be punished.

John 5:28-29 The hour is coming, [when] all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

What is the result of a determined life of sin?

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

James 1:15 ...sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth _____.

John 3:16 God ... gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not _____, but have everlasting life.

Matthew 25:41 Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Jude 7 They are "an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

The term "for ever," is used 56 times in the Bible in connection with things that have already ended. See

Jonah 2:6 Forever = 3 Days

Deuteronomy 23:3 Forever = 10 Generations

1 Samuel 1:22 Forever = One Lifetime

Revelation 20:9 ...and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Malachi 4:1, 3 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

Psalm 37:10, 20 For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look diligently for his place, ...But it shall be no more. But the wicked shall _____, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.

2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Isaiah 47:14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor a fire to sit before it.

Revelation 21:1, 4 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Matthew 5:30 says the whole body will be cast into hell.

Matthew 10:28 ...fear him which is able to destroy both _____ and body in hell.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

How long is this forever? It is explained in Ezekiel 28:18.

Ezekiel 28:18 I [will] bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall _____ thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee...thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

IN THE ORIGINAL:

Hell: 54 Times

41 Times = Grave

1 Time = Dark Place

12 Times = Place of Burning

Hear God's Heart:

Ezekiel 33:11 As I live, saith the Lord, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; [I just want] the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die...?

Luke 9:56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

Isaiah 28:21 For the LORD shall rise up..., he shall be wroth..., that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

God's Post Hell Plans:

Isaiah 65:17 Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Revelation 21:3, 4 Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more _____, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.

Nahum 1:9 He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

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