

Intro: The subject of hell is one of those subjects few people want to hear about or want to even believe it exists. “How could a loving God send anyone to a place like hell, let alone create such a place,” is a typical thought based on their ignorance of God and Gods holiness, to say nothing of His justice. Satan has been busy supplanting God’s truth with philosophical lies from that first conversation with Eve and Adam. Satan is the father of lies, - **John 8:44**. This is another very important reason that if we are to have God’s inerrant truth with which to combat Satan’s lies, we have to have an inerrant source of truth. And we do, though many, more than less, do not believe we have an inerrant Word of God. This poses some serious problems for the Redeemed of the Lord. How do we effectively counter Satan’s lies if we don’t have God’s eternal inerrant Word readily available to us daily? How can **II Timothy 3:16 & 17** be both successful and effective? Does one even want to believe that God would idly standby and allow generations over the centuries pollute His Word, without making sure that every generation, in spite of Satan’s antics, to be without a sure Word for those seeking Him and His truth? As I read my Bible (KJB), I do not, nor have I seen any Scripture where God said He was going to entrust any man to preserve His Word, but I do find where He has promised He would do this Himself. **Psalm 12:6 & 7; I Peter 1:24 & 25**, for examples. I have said all this to remind us that what God wants us to know, is that Heaven and Hell, are real and real people will inherit one or the other based upon what they chose to do with Christ, **John 3:16 18**.

The question we have before us is this: **‘Will everyone suffer the same in hell?’**

Let’s first and foremost determine that there is a place called hell!

I. God _____ tells us there is a place called hell.

- A. In the Old Testament the _____ word translated ‘hell’ is the word ‘*she hole*’. (**Deuteronomy 32:22**)
1. Meaning the _____ – the abode of the dead, grave etc.
 2. Without _____ of God – as unimaginable as that may be, those in hell will continue to refuse to praise God as we learned from *Luke 16*, Lazarus & the rich man. He spoke, but no apparent desire to give God praise.
- B. In the New Testament the _____ word there is ‘*Gehenna*’. (**Matthew 5:22**)
1. It was a reference to a _____ place in the valley of Hinnom.
 2. It was a place that burned with fire _____ hours a day, seven days a week.
 3. All manner of _____ was tossed there to be burned.
 4. To the Jewish people this was also the _____ valley where human sacrifices were made to Molech and this is more to the point of what Christ was referencing.
 5. Jesus was likening the actual place hell to the _____ that Gehenna represented. As Jews & others would offer their sons & daughters to Molech, drums would be beaten to drawn out the cries & screams of the children being burnt alive upon the brass statue of Molech.
 6. King Josiah in his reign put an end to this – **II Kings 23:10**.
 7. Some cults use the argument there is no hell because in Christ day it was just a dump.

II. Who are they who will find _____ in hell?

- A. First of all, God does not _____ who will or will not spend eternity in hell.
1. We are all free-will moral agents who will _____ our own eternal destiny.
(**Revelation 20:11 – 15 or Romans 10:13.**)
 2. God will not _____ His love on any one, nor will He force salvation on any one either.
 3. We know what God's _____ is, that all would come to repentance – **II Peter 3:9.**
 4. God does not take any _____ in the death of sinners - **Ezekiel 18:32 & 33:11.**
- B. Second of all, God simply _____ the individual's decision he or she makes.
1. **Romans 1:19 – 24.** – Individual choices made.
 2. **Isaiah 53:6 & Romans 8:5** – God has provided a means of escape and deliverance.
 3. Like Adam & Eve, so many reject submission to God for a deadly independence. (**Luke 18:23**)

III. There are varying _____ of torment in hell - **Luke 10:13 – 14 & Luke 16:19 – 31.**

- A. Christ is indicating in these verses, that there are _____ degrees in His judgment of the unsaved.
1. We are at the Great White Judgment as this is the place where the unsaved are sentenced.
 2. At the Great White Throne judgment, God will exercise _____ judgment.
 3. Some will suffer greatly because of their _____ rejection & knowledge of Christ – **John 3:19 & 20.**
 4. At least two groups will face severer horrors in hell because they had the greatest amount of light or knowledge – the Pharisees & Sadducees' – group one, and those sitting in the pews Sunday after Sunday where the Bible is being preached, salvation is taught and invitations are given – group two.
(**Romans 1:19 & 20**)
- B. Others who will suffer an eternity of damnation will find their judgment less terrible, why?
1. This is due to an absence of the Gospel _____ and or messengers such as missionaries & pastors.
(**Romans 10:13 – 18**)
 2. Only God knows how the sinners will fair on their judgment day – **Romans 12:19.**
 3. Everyone has _____ light – **Romans 2:12 – 14**, and what they do with that light or fail to do, God will judge righteously and judiciously.

IV. How can I know for sure I've a home in heaven and not hell? **I Jhon 5:13.**

- A. First we need to understand we are alienated from God from birth – **Romans 3:23**
- B. That God and God alone, possesses the means to save sinners – **Romans 5:8 & Revelation 1:5**
- C. That one's salvation is never, ever based on our works – **Ephesians 2:8 & 9, Galatians 2:16**
- D. That one's salvation is a gift of God – **Romans 6:23b.**
- E. So, then, what is our part – believe **Acts 16:16 – 32. (Acts 16:31)**

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