

IS THERE A LITERAL BURNING HELL?

INTRODUCTION:

I shall use a new method of preaching on the subject of Hell. It will be in the form of many questions. How many of them can you answer? We shall begin by reading **Luke 16:19-31**. Why am I adopting this Question Method of ministering the Word? The Lord Jesus used this Question Method Himself. After these many years of preaching, I can now see more clearly why. It makes us really think for ourselves. All too often, we let the preacher or the teacher do this for us, but we do not learn as well that way.

Luke 16:19-31:

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 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;

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest

send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

1. In what book of the Bible does Jesus pull back the curtain of time and give us a peek into Hell?

Answer: Luke

2. In locating people, we should know the city, street, and address. What is the 'address' in this book?

Answer: Luke 16:19-31

3. Is this a parable?

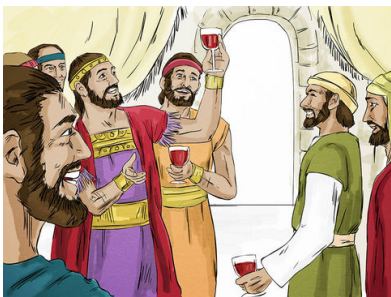
Answer: No

4. Why can't it possibly be a parable?

Answer: Two peoples names are used — Abraham and Lazarus.

5. Did Jesus call it a parable?

Answer: No.



6. What apparel did the rich man wear?

Answer: Purple and linen.

7. How is his daily routine of living described?

Answer: He fared sumptuously.

8. What does living sumptuously mean?

Answer: It was a life of banqueting, great feasts, gluttony, and eating as a pleasure.

9. How often did he indulge or 'eat too well', as they say today?

Answer: Every day.

10. What did Lazarus desire from the rich man's table?

Answer: Crumbs.



11. What one word tells the physical condition of Lazarus?

Answer: Sores.

12. What is this an indication of?

Answer: Malnutrition

13. How was Lazarus' misery relieved?

Answer: Dogs licked his sores.

14. Which one of them died first?

Answer: The beggar, Lazarus.

15. What was so unusual about what happened to Lazarus after he died?

Answer: He was carried by angels.

16. Where did they carry him?

Answer: Into Abraham's bosom in Paradise.

17. Where was Paradise at this time?

Answer: In the heart of the earth.



Lazarus at Abraham's side.

Matthew 12:40: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the **heart of the earth**.

Psalm 63:9: But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go into the **lower parts of the earth**.

2 Peter 2:4: For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them **down to Hell**, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Ephesians 4:8-10:

8 Wherefore He saith, When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the **lower parts of the earth**?

10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that He might fill all things.)

Acts 2:27: Because Thou wilt not leave My soul in **Hell**, neither wilt Thou suffer Thine Holy One to see corruption.

Matthew 11:23: And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto Heaven, shalt be **brought down to Hell**: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

18. How does father Abraham describe Lazarus's new present condition?

Answer: Comforted.

19. The rich man later died and most likely had a stately funeral service and an elaborate burial. Did his soul go down to the grave and sleep, as the Seventh Day Adventists and Jehovah's Witnesses teach?

Answer: No.



Luke 16:23 And in Hell he lift up his eyes, being in

torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

20. Where did his soul go?

Answer: To Hell.

21. If Hell is the grave, then who only is supposed to go there?

Answer: The wicked and nations that forget God.

Psalm 9:17: The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God.

22. What is the rich man's pleading request?

Answer: For water

23. Who does he ask Abraham to bring it?

Answer: Lazarus



24. What does this speak concerning Lazarus?

Answer: That Lazarus was kind, loving, and a good testimony to the rich man.

25. How does Lazarus respond?

Answer: He doesn't.

26. Who does?

Answer: Abraham

27. How much water does the rich man want?

Answer: A finger's worth.

28. What part of his body seems to be suffering the most?

Answer: His tongue.

29. What is the description the rich man makes of his condition, in one word?

Answer: Tormented.

30. Who declares that there are flames in Hell?

Answer: The rich man

Luke 16:24: And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this *flame*.



31. What words prove that Hell is literal, and not mental or figurative?

Answer: Water, flames, place.

Mark 9:43: 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*:

Luke 16:24: And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in *water*, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this *flame*.



Luke 16:28: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this *place* of torment.

32. What obstacle was in the way of the fulfillment of his request?

Answer: A gulf.

33. How is this gulf described?

Answer: Great, Afar Off, and Fixed.

Luke 16:23: And in Hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham *afar off*, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 16:26: And beside all this, between us and you there is a *great*

gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

34. What word does the rich man use to describe his feelings?

Answer: Tormented

35. What word does Abraham use to describe the rich man's feelings?

Answer: Tormented.

36. What word does Jesus use to describe the rich man's condition?

Answer: Tormented.



TORMENT!!

37. What word does the rich man use to describe the place he is in?

Answer: A place of torment. (Torment is used four times).

38. What physical faculties or parts of the human body are described?

Answer: Memory, eyes, tongue, ears, and teeth.

Matthew 10:28: 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 8:12: But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**.

Matthew 13:42: And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be **wailing and gnashing of teeth**.

Matthew 13:50: And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be **wailing and gnashing of teeth**.

Matthew 24:51: And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**.

Matthew 25:30: And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be *weeping and gnashing of teeth*.

Luke 13:28: There shall be *weeping and gnashing of teeth*, when ye shall *see* Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

39. What physical or human emotion did the rich man manifest?

Answer: He cried.

Luke 16:24: And *he cried* and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

40. What is unusual about his eyes, ears, and speech?

Answer: They are seeing, hearing, and communicating a long distance.

41. What kind and endearing word does Abraham use in speaking to the rich man?

Answer: He called him 'son'.

Luke 16:25a: But Abraham said, *Son*,

42. What does Abraham ask the rich man to do?

Answer: Remember how you lived; and that there is a judgment, Hell, and endless separation.



Abraham reminds the rich man.

Luke 16:25: But Abraham said, *Son*, remember that thou *in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things*, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and *thou art tormented*.

43. What mystery did Abraham reveal about this great gulf?

Answer: It is fixed, and there are no fire escapes.

44. What does this also suggest to you?

Answer: God is holy; we are sinful. A great chasm separates Hell from Heaven.

45. Did Lazarus ever say anything to the rich man?

Answer: No.

46. What direction did the rich man look to see Abraham and Lazarus?

Answer: Up.

47. What one single word best describes the rich man's plea for water?

Answer: Mercy

Luke 16:24: And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

48. Why was his plea denied?

Answer: When on earth, he showed no mercy.

James 2:13: For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

49. Is there any indication in the teachings or experience of Jesus that He may have met the rich man before?

Answer: While it cannot be said with absolute certainty, there is the possibility that it could be the rich young ruler who came to Jesus asking what he must do to gain eternal life.



Mark 10:17-22:

17 And when He was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to Him, and asked Him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?

18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou Me good? there is none good but One, that is, God.

19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother.

20 And he answered and said unto Him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.

21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in Heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.

22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

The rich young ruler could not give up his great possessions to follow Jesus, and went away grieved. Although he was grieved, he nevertheless turned away, and we never hear about him again. Jesus further said:



Mark 10:23-25:

23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto His disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!

24 And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that **trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God!**

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Jesus explained that it was not having riches, but **trusting** in riches that makes it difficult for one to enter into the kingdom of God.

50. What is the second request from the rich man?

Answer: Send Lazarus to my father's house.

51. What does he want Lazarus to do there?

Answer: Testify to his brothers.

52. How many brothers did he have?



The rich man's brothers.

Answer: Five

Luke 16:28a: For I have *five brethren*;

53. How did this rich man feel about the spiritual condition of his brothers?

Answer: He believed they were lost and Hell-bound.

Luke 16:28b: that he may testify unto them, lest *they also come into this place of torment*.

54. What words used by the rich man indicate that they may have had some knowledge of the way of salvation?

Answer: They will repent.

Luke 16:30: And he said, *Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent*.

Luke 24:47: And that *repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem*.

Acts 2:38: Then Peter said unto them, *Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost*.

Luke 13:3, 5:

3 I tell you, *Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish*.

5 I tell you, *Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish*.

55. Why didn't the rich man repent when he knew it was necessary for salvation?

Answer: He didn't believe it was necessary then. Now it is too late to do it. Repent means turning from sin to Christ for pardon that brings salvation. Trying to turn from sin alone without turning to Christ is reformation. One preacher, trying in his polite way to be unoffensive to his elite congregation, said, "You must repent, as it were, be born-again so to speak, or you will be damned to a certain extent."

56. What conclusion do you arrive at concerning the rich man's pleading for none

other than Lazarus to go to his brothers?

Answer: Lazarus must have lived a good and righteous life that bore a good witness for the Lord. He had what every Christian should have — a great love for the lost, a love that returned good for evil. When the rich man withheld food, he still loved him, and testified or preached to him.

57. How did father Abraham treat the rich man's second request?

Answer: He rejected it also.

58. What were the grounds for his refusal to send Lazarus?

Answer: He said they have Moses and the prophets. In other words, they have the true and infallible Word of God.



The Word of God was available to his brothers.

Luke 1:1-3:

**1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,
2 Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word;
3 It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus,**

2 Peter 1:19: We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

John 10:35: If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

Matthew 24:35: Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away.

Hebrews 1:10-12:

10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the

earth; and the heavens are the works of Thine hands:

11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12 And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.

Isaiah 34:4: And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

Isaiah 51:6: Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but My salvation shall be for ever, and My righteousness shall not be abolished.

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

Isaiah 66:22: For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

1 John 2:17: And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

2 Peter 3:7,10:

7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the 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.

Revelation 21:1: 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.

59. What spiritual application do you derive from this answer?

Answer: The Bible must be the pure, preserved, and unadulterated Word of the Living God. It is the final word of authority, and the only Court of Appeals.

John 12:47-48:

47 And if any man hear My words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

48 He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.

God's Word is superior to signs, wonders, and miracles, and it is greater than the resurrection of the dead.

60. Did the rich man ever question the judgment of father Abraham, or dispute his answer?

Answer: Yes.

61. What did he say?

Answer: "Nay, Father Abraham, but if one went to them from the dead, they will repent."

62. What attitude does Abraham convey to the rich man about his brothers' faith in miracles?

Answer: He said they would not be persuaded even though one rose from the dead.



Abraham says 'they would not be persuaded'.

63. What did the rich man believe would persuade or convince his own brothers of the reality of a literal death?

Answer: The testimony of dear Lazarus.

64. What did the rich man believe would be conclusive proof of a future life after death?

Answer: Lazarus' resurrection.

65. What in Abraham's answer shows the power of unbelief?

Answer: It is near insanity, and without honest reason.

66. What conclusions do we arrive at concerning the teaching of disembodied spirits prior to the resurrection?

Answer:

- a. They have a conscious existence.**
- b. They have a body, and possession of all the body's faculties.**
- c. That Lazarus had a body and could travel.**
- d. Hell is a place of torment, and the rich man felt the torment.**
- e. Lazarus and father Abraham are visible and can communicate.**

Matthew 10:28: 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.

2 Corinthians 5:1-8:

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

5 Now He that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, Who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Revelation 6:9: And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the Word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

67. Was Hell originally created for people?

Answer: No!

Matthew 25:41: 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:

Isaiah 5:14: 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.



68. Who then did God have in mind?

Answer: The devil and his angels.

2 Peter 2:4: For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Jude 1:6: And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

69. Who told this?

Answer: Jesus.

70. Why was Paradise transported from the heart of the earth to the Third Heaven?

Answer: Because Hell had enlarged so much.

Isaiah 5:14: 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.

71. Why did the rich man go to Hell when it was originally created for the devil and his angels?

Answer: Since he did what they did — sinned away his day of grace — he went where they did.

1 John 3:8: He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

72. What is sin?

Answer:

a. Transgression of God's law.

James 1:15: Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

b. Knowing to do good and not doing it.

James 4:17: Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

c. Having respect of persons.

James 2:9: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.

73. If sin is so terrible and the penalty so great, how can I get rid of it?

Answer: Only Jesus can take away our sins.

John 1:29: The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1 John 3:5: And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins;

and in Him is no sin.

Acts 4:12: Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Hebrews 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

2 Peter 1:9: But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

1 John 1:7: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

74. Who will be going to this place of torment?

Answer:

Psalm 9:17: The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Proverbs 29:1: He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Matthew 7:13: Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Matthew 7:21-23:

21 Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven.

22 Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy Name? and in Thy Name have cast out devils? and in Thy Name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from Me, ye that work iniquity.

Matthew 15:19-20:

19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

Romans 1:18-32:

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, Who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10:

9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21:

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Revelation 20:15: And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:8: 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 21:27: And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

75. What is Hell like?

Answer: It is a place of fire that will never be quenched.

Mark 9:43-48:

43 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:**

44 Where their worm dieth not, and the **fire is not quenched.**

45 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:**

46 Where their worm dieth not, and the **fire is not quenched.**

47 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:**

48 Where their worm dieth not, and the **fire is not quenched.**

76. Will sinners finally burn up?

Answer: No. Jesus makes this plain, repeating it three times in the Book of Mark 9:43-48.

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48 Where *their worm dieth not*, and the fire is not quenched.

CONCLUSION:

“George Whitefield, you told us while preaching that Christ would take in the devil’s castaways, and I’m one of them.”

One preacher said, “If you don’t know and love Jesus, you will be sent to a place that is not polite to mention.” We are not here to sugarcoat Hell, sin, or the devil. Anyone would be unkind who would soothe your troubled conscience with varnished lies about sin.

I’m here calling you to come to Jesus, by the authority given to me by God.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21:

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Every person who refuses to receive Christ as his Savior, and refuses to turn from and forsake his sins, is going there.

Romans 3:10, 27:

10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Galatians 2:16: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

James 2:10: For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

Isaiah 53:6: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 64:6: 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.

Jeremiah 17:9: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

If we break man-made laws, we will be fined or may even go to jail. It's not the fault of the sheriff, or the policeman, or the judge. It is our disobedience and breaking the law. The same law that will protect, shield, and bless you, is the same law that will punish you. It will make you suffer when you become an outlaw.

There is a real, literal Hell, and God doesn't want you to go there. He sent His Only Begotten Son to pay the penalty for all your sins and crimes to make a way of escape for you. Jesus is the *only* fire escape from Hell. Furthermore, only in this life does this hold true.

Hebrews 9:27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

The Holy Spirit is putting many roadblocks in your way to prevent you're going into eternal punishment. Please take heed while there is yet time.

Proverbs 29:1: He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

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