

HELL: IS SEPARATION FROM GOD

INTRODUCTION

1. Hell is a place of **WASTEFULNESS**.
2. Hell is a place of **HOPELESSNESS**.
3. Hell is a place of **SINFULNESS**.
4. Hell is a place of **LONELINESS**.
5. Hell is a place of **ENDLESSNESS**.

I. A WASTED LIFE IS A SAD SPECTACLE.

A. Gehenna was a place where trash was thrown.

1. Disobeying God's laws make for a trashy person.
2. Hell begins now when God's laws are ignored.
 - a. Rom. 1:18,26,28. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

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

3. Five Foolish Virgins let light go out.

II. HELL IS A PLACE WHERE HOPE IS GONE.

A. Life is made more pleasant with hope.

B. Hope brightens our lives - keeps us going.

1. I Cor. 15:19. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.
2. Eph. 2:12. That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

C. Hope transforms defeat into victory.

D. Anyone without God has to be without hope.

E. TOO LATE - Hope is Gone.

III. HELL IS A PLACE OF SINFULNESS.

- A. Sin brings unhappiness - destructiveness, pain now.
- B. Hell is to be filled with Sinners.
- C. HELL IS A PLACE:
 - 1. Of Self-Loathing.
 - 2. Of Self-Condernation.
 - 3. Of Misery.
 - 4. Of No Escape.

IV. HELL IS A PLACE OF LONELINESS.

- A. The Rich Man in Hades sensed loneliness.
 - 1. Hell will be filled with people who felt self-sufficient - Did not need God.
 - a. No place to escape from - nor to escape to.
- B. Aloneness does not make for happiness.
- C. A place of complete helplessness.

NOTE: Will the Devil-Satan help me there?

V. HELL IS A PLACE OF ENDLESSNESS.

- A. Hell is separation from God.
 - 1. Rev. 19:3. Again they said, "Alleluia! Her Smoke rises up forever and ever!"
 - 2. Rev. 20:10. The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
- B. Hell is an isolation ward.
 - 1. Being shut up with oneself is extremely painful.
- C. Separated from God - What an awful thought, - but associating with Seum.
 - 1. Matt. 25:41,46. "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:'"

"And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."
 - 2. Luke 13:27. "But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'"

3. Matt. 8:12. "But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."
 4. Rev. 21:8. "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
 5. Rev. 22:15. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.
 6. II Thess. 1:9. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
 7. Mark 7:20-23. And he said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man."
- D. How can we describe total isolation?
1. From family, friends.
 2. To be shut up alone.
 - a. To be tortured by memory.
- E. Unsaved people cannot cast their cares on the Lord.
- F. Meaningless existence in Hell - A place of endless frustration.

VI. HELL IS THE FINAL PENALTY FOR SIN.

- A. Sin destroys relationships.
- B. A place for the selfish.
1. James 4:1-2. Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask.
- C. HELL: A PLACE WITHOUT GOD.
- D. Every person in Hell will have chosen to go there.
1. They can't blame God.
 2. They can't blame Christ.
 3. They can't blame the Holy Spirit.
 4. They can't blame great Christians of yesteryears.

5. They can't blame a family who loved them.
6. They can't blame a church which reached out its arms.

NOTE: MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON THE CHURCH THAT IS COLD, INDIFFERENT - HAS NO PROGRAM TO HELP PEOPLE MISS HELL AND GAIN HEAVEN.

CONCLUSION:

- A. The faithful Christian cannot lose.
 1. Isa. 1:18. "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."
 2. I John 1:7-10. But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.
 3. I John 2:1-2. My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.
 4. I John 2:15-17. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world.