

## Benefits of Hell

### Int.

1. Aim: To show that the benefits of hell should cause us to think!!
2. Hell - Mentioned often in the Bible - a place of torment
  - a. MATT 25:46 "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."
  - b. God is responsible for there being a hell. It was prepared for the devil and his angels  
- Mt. 25:41
3. Always try to see the positive side of any situation.
  - a. If we look close enough at anything we can find some good about it.
  - b. For the benefit of all who are planning to go to Hell, we have closely examined that place (through the Scriptures) and have concluded that there REALLY ARE some advantages in going there.
  - c. Anyone who is not planning to go to heaven is planning to go to Hell for there is no other choice!
4. Luke 16 deals with an account of two individuals... One who ended up in torment!

### Discussion

#### I. THINGS IN HADES THAT ARE NEEDED IN THE CHURCH

##### A. Pleas for God's mercy.

1. 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."

2. Mercy = have compassion (pity on)
3. EPH 2:4 "But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,"
4. We should all plead for God's mercy - but we must plead while living - because after death it is too Late.

B. A proper view of material things. (v.24)

1. Would give anything for some water - wants nasty finger in mouth -- did not plead for Money --- did not brag about his money -- realized that these things were not most important thing!!!
2. He was beginning to understand that material possessions were not as important as he thought they were.
3. Main limit on spread of Gospel now is \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
4. We have great transportation, media, communications, etc - but all cost big \$\$\$\$\$\$

C. A real concern for the lost.

1. LUKE 16:27-28 "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."
2. If relatives are there - they don't want to see you!
3. The concern for the lost should be our concern now!! Mk. 16:15-16

D. These 3 characteristics that the rich man had in Hades are things we should have in our life here:

1. Pleading for Mercy
2. Proper understanding of material possessions
3. A real concern for those who are lost.

E. If you spend eternity in hell here are some....

## **II. THINGS OF THIS LIFE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO EXPERIENCE IN HELL.**

### A. NO MORE PREACHING

1. Some folks have the feeling that every time they attend services the preacher picks on them.
2. They think all he does is sit around dreaming up some new way to make them mad.
3. Spasmodic attendance is usually an indication of this attitude.
4. In actuality he is simply following 2 Tim.4:1-5.
5. Well, if preachers make you nervous, or if preachers are making you mad by trying to get you to do better, then just wait awhile!
  - a. Hell is a place where you will never be bothered by preachers again.
  - b. This is not to say that there won't be any preachers in Hell. There may be as many of them there as of any other class of people. But they won't be preaching there!
6. Isn't that great!? Or is it??

### B. NO MORE CONTRIBUTIONS

1. Some have a rough time enduring this on earth
2. It is an imposition on their wallet or purse
  - a. 1 Cor.16:1-2
  - b. 2 Cor. 9:6-7 "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

3. Here's good news for them!
  - a. One of the benefits of hell is that there will be no contributions.
  - b. Not one place in the word of God is there any mention whatsoever about collection plates in hell.
4. If you find it disturbing to be faced with sacrificing for the greatest work on earth, then rest assured that once you enter hell you will never hear another sermon on giving or have to look at another collection plate.
5. With some, this will be the greatest benefit.

#### C. NO MORE CALLS TO HOLY LIVING

1. One of the things many do not like about the church is its emphasis on pure living
  - a. Titus 2:11,12; "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, 12. Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;"
  - b. Galatians 5:19-21. must give up sin
  - c. Gal. 5:22-23 - put on the fruit of the spirit
2. Uprightness is not "in" for our modern age. The masses don't see any reason in "self denial", or "self control".
  - a. Why can't people just live their own lives (morally and religiously) without someone telling them how they should dress and talk and where they should not go?
  - b. A little idolatry, homosexuality, adultery and social drinking with the crowd won't hurt, or so we are told.

- c. You can talk anyway you desire, profanity, God's name in vain - curse - tell dirty jokes - gossip - corrupt communication.
  - d. Dishonesty is the policy that you could adopt. Take whatever you are big enough and strong enough to take. Cheat, steal, rob, lie and do your best to get advantage of your fellow man.
  - e. If we could just get together and decide how much lower we should drop our standards maybe we could make some headway against all these restrictions.
  - f. After all, this is the age of liberation!
3. For all who feel this way, we have examined the scriptures closely. There is not one place in the entire Bible that indicates that those who go to hell will be bothered by someone preaching to them about blending in too much with the world.
  4. No one will rebuke you for the lifestyle you choose.
  5. Think of all the freedom!
    - a. No sin is condemned there.
    - b. For some this would be fantastic!!

#### D. NO MORE PERSONAL ENCOURAGEMENT

1. If Christians calling on the phone to see how you are doing bugs you, just wait. You may soon be free of them at last!
  - a. Gal. 6:1 "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."
  - b. Jas. 5:19-20 - Convert = Turn him back to the truth
2. If they keep hounding you about attending the services, or about being restored to faithfulness, don't worry.

3. From everything I have read about hell, there will not be one tract passed out in hell and no one will try to get you to change your life when you reach this place of freedom.
  - a. No phone calls, no mail deliveries
  - b. No personal visits.
  - c. No one praying for you!!

#### E. NO MORE INVITATIONS

1. Some folks can pretty well handle the preaching, collections, calls to holy living and the personal workers.
2. They can even endure the prayers for their salvation and the hymns about judgment.
3. They have managed to develop a protective shield that keeps such things from penetration and have gotten to where they almost don't feel a thing.
4. And if we would just do away with extending the invitation things would be ideal!
  - a. When the preacher makes a plea for sinners who have never obeyed the gospel to repent and be converted or for erring Christians to get back on the right track, it's hard for some to handle and they plain don't like it.
  - b. It makes them fidget and squirm till they can hardly stand it.
  - c. That's the reason many stay home.
  - d. The thought of judgment and eternity is scary!!
5. Have we got news for you! We have examined the scriptures thoroughly and there is not even a hint that invitations will be extended in hell.
6. Once there, you won't have to think about how repulsive an invitation is.

## F. NO MORE DEMANDS ON YOUR TIME

1. Going to services, preparing to teach a class, visiting the physically and spiritually sick, these all take time.
2. I know it sounds too good to be true, but think of all the free time you will have in hell!
3. No demands on your time for anything!!!

## **CONCLUSION**

1. I'm sure that for many people all this all sounds great...
2. But there's just one catch.
3. Once you step across that line from this life to that other place there will never be an opportunity to change your mind.
  - a. If you think for one moment that someday you just might wish to hear a gospel preacher talk about holy living;
  - b. If you think there would be a time when you might welcome a phone call from a concerned Christian;
  - c. If you think you might wish to support the Lord's work;
  - d. Or if you think you might want to stand and sing just one more invitation song, or teach a Bible class, then it would be wise right now to start thinking very seriously about where you are headed.
4. Don't make the wrong choice.
5. The High cost of Living in Hell. To some they may think that there are some benefits but think of what it will cost you:
  - a. It will cost us eternal life - 1 Tim. 6:17-19
  - b. It will cost us a crown of life - Rev. 2:10

- c. It will cost us a crown of righteousness - 2 Tim.4:8
  - d. It will cost us a home in heaven - 1 Cor. 2:9
6. There are no benefits of Hell....
- a. It will cost us an eternity of indescribable agony, misery, and suffering -
  - b. Mk. 9:48 "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched." "The two figures depict hell as a state of decay which is never completed and of burning which does not consume
7. Heaven is the Home Of the Soul - You cannot afford to miss Heaven !
8. God's Simple plan for salvation
- a. Hear - Rom. 10:17
  - b. Believe - Mark 16:16
  - c. Repent - Luke 13:3 Acts 2:38
  - d. Confess - Rom. 10:10
  - e. Baptized - 1 Pet. 3:21 - Acts 2:38
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