

HELL, A DESCRIPTION OF

Int.

1. Aim: To show that HELL is a real place that is to be feared and missed.
2. Rev. 20:10-15
3. Do you believe there is a place called hell?
 - a. Many say they do not!
 - b. "Many Americans believe in Heaven; Fewer in Hell" Daily Herald 2,3,67
4. Jesus believed there was a place called hell!
 - a. Mt. 23:33 "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell."
 - b. I believe in hell because Jesus believed in it, warned against it, and died to keep men out of it.
5. Let's notice what the Bible has to say about it!

Discussion

I. HELL IS HOT

- A. The Bible says hell is a place of fire
 1. Matt. 13:42 - Furnace of fire "And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." V. 50
 2. Matt. 25:41 - everlasting fire "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:"
 3. Mark 9:44-45- fire is not quenched

4. Rev. 20:10 - fire and brimstone
5. Rev. 20:15 - lake of fire
6. Matt. 3:12 - baptism of fire

B. Man does not believe this

1. Some say there will be periods of hot and cold alternating
2. Others say fire is used in figurative sense - This was not so during the flood!
3. Some suggest fire is a metaphor (a likeness set forth as reality)
 - a. We have no absolute description of heaven or hell
 - b. God is attempting to describe to us what we know nothing about
 - c. Hell is far worse than anything we've ever imagined
 - d. The nearest thing to hell is fire.
 - e. Marshall Keeble- "Build hottest fire possible for man to build, remove two people from hell, and place them in this fire and in 10 seconds they would freeze to death."

C. Hell will be hot - No other method of punishment mentioned!

II. HELL IS ETERNAL

A. The scriptures declare that hell is eternal

1. Matt. 25:46 "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment"
2. II Thes. 1:9 "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction."
3. Rev. 20:10 = Day & night for ever and ever
4. Mark 9:44-45 "the fire that never shall be quenched:"
5. Matt. 3:12 = unquenchable fire, which makes it eternal

- B. Again man does not believe this fact about hell
1. Some suggest it will be for 1,000 years or 10,000 years
 - a. If so then the righteous will be in heaven only that long
 - b. Same word that describes heaven as eternal describes hell as being eternal
 - c. Quote by Bertrand Russell see illustrations file on hell.
 2. Group of preachers met in Canada to study about hell being eternal
 - a. They said "May we not dare to hope that beyond death there is opportunity for repentance leading to salvation."
 - b. In their report they said that hell is a place where sinners are punished for their own good, and where they may hope for a second chance after they have been "awakened and corrected (The Apostles Doctrine - Blakely Vol. I P. 435)
 3. Plato said: "Bad sinners are put in Tartarus but those not so bad may be put in Tartarus for 1 year or so and then released if the one they offended will forgive them." Plato # 7 p. 249
 4. Augustine quoted another man named Origen. "Origen believed the devil and his angels would be punished for a while, and then delivered from torment to associate with the angels." Augustine # 18 p. 574
 5. Catholics teach that there is a place called purgatory.
 - a. All bad people go here and after punishment for a while will be released.
 - b. We can pay so much before death and miss purgatory and go to heaven.
 - c. Or we can pay for someone already dead to be released early.
- C. In spite of what men believe and teach, the Bible says HELL will be eternal.

III. HELL WILL BE REAL

- A. The Bible talks about hell as a real place
 - 1. Matt. 25:31-46 - Judgment scene - Talks about Hell and Heaven
 - a. If one is real the other is real
 - b. If one is a myth the other is a myth
 - c. If one is fictitious then the other is fictitious
 - 2. II Pet. 2:4 - cast angels into hell "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;" V. 9

- B. Some believe that hell is an imaginary place
 - 1. They say it's like the Boogie man- just to scare people
 - 2. The idea of hell is taught just to keep people living right, some believe!
 - 3. Not a condition or state of mind

- C. Hell will be a real place of eternal punishment!
 - 1. Hell is a place prepared for the Devil and his angels Matt. 25:41
 - 2. If there is no hell, then the Bible is false and there is no God or no Heaven!
 - 3. If hell is not real then Heaven is not Real!
 - 4. The Bible says there will be a place of Hell and I believe it !

IV. HELL IS ESSENTIAL

A. Man is aware that he is sinful

1. Pentecost they asked "What shall we do?" Acts 2:37
2. "all have sinned and fall short." and man knows this fact! Rom. 3:23
3. There is proof that sin abounds today:
 - a. Cemetery - death is result of sin
 - b. Wars and crime show that sin is here today
4. Some try to make sin a disease instead of a sin, and thus do away with any responsibility of man to God for his transgressions!

B. Existence of sins supposes the existence of law

1. "For where no law is, there is no transgression." Rom. 4:14b
2. John defines sin as transgression of the law. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law." I Jn. 3:4
3. If there is no law then there would be no sin.
 - a. If no law against murder, stealing or adultery, then
 - b. There would be no sin!
4. Because there is sin, it means there is a law which has been disobeyed!

C. Law requires penalty

1. A law without punishment for violation becomes worthless
2. Laws of nature have punishment for violation - gravity
3. Disobedience to civil law brings punishment, fine or prison.

4. When men break God's law it requires punishment.
 - a. If there is no penalty then there is no law
 - b. If there is not law then there is no sin!
 5. Law requires a penalty
- D. To deny the existence of hell is to deny existence of sin & law
1. We admit there is sin today and that there is law.
 2. Therefore we must admit there is a hell
- E. Hell is essential as punishment for violation of God's law! Rom. 6:23

CONCLUSION

1. HELL - Hot Eternal Real Essential
2. Many say they can't see how a God of love and mercy could punish anyone.
 - a. Remember God is a JUST GOD! He requires a price to be paid!
 - b. He allowed Christ to die for us Jn. 3:16
 - c. God has done everything he can to save us from Hell
3. HEAVEN - God wants us to be with him!
 - a. If we are lost we must only blame our self
 - b. If you believe there is a place called hell, then do everything you can to miss being there!
 - c. If you do not prepare for Heaven then it shows that you do not really believe there is a place called Hell or Heaven!

4. What is hell? It is God's cosmic garbage dump. What is unfit for Heaven will be cast into Hell. There is no happiness there and the only sound is weeping and grinding of teeth.
 5. There are three things that motivate us to obey the gospel.
 - a. The love of God
 - b. The desire to be in Heaven
 - c. The fear of Hell
 6. Are you ready to obey the gospel?
 7. God's Plan of Salvation. HBRCB = Salvation
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