



Destination “Hell”

Matthew 18:7 “Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! 8 If your hand or your foot causes you to sin cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

Jesus Christ in this Scripture is giving the world a clear warning regarding the reality of hell as well as what is expected from it. The good part about this warning is that you don't necessarily have to go there because you have the option. When Jesus said if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell (Matthew 18:19), Jesus is making it clear the option is to take God's offer of escape expressed clearly in John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Hell is avoidable. The Bible made this very clear. It is necessary though that we should study this topic even if we are not going there so we would clearly understand what a dreadful destination that God save us

from inspiring us to all the more appreciate His gift of salvation by living our lives according to His Word.

I. WHAT IS HELL?

- A. Hell is an eternal place of punishment for the devil, his angels and for everyone who follow his lead.
- B. **Revelation 20:10** And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
- C. **Revelation 21:8** “But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars - - their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death.”

II. WHY IS THERE HELL?

- A. Hell is not made for man. Nowhere in the Bible that tells us that God made hell for man.

God loved us so much as the Bible revealed, For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believe in Him shall not perish but have everlasting Life (John 3:16). The Bible also says but God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8)

- B. Hell is made and prepared for the devil and his angels. Matthew 25:41 Then He will say to those on his left, depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.

C. Man is going to hell because...

1. Instead of listening to the Word of God he followed the lead of the devil. God's Word says:

Romans 3:23 For all have sin and fall short of the glory of God

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2. He rejected God's offer of salvation.

1 **John 2:1-2** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense- Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but only for the sins of whole world.

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Hebrews 2:3 how shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord was confirmed to us by those who heard him. 4 God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

III. THREE KINDS OF HELL MENTIONED IN THE BIBLE

A. **Tartaroo** – A place of detention where the Angels who sinned are kept and tormented for the day of judgment.

2Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned but sent them to hell (Tartarosas), putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment;

Jude 1:6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home – these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.

B. Hades = Greek; Sheoul = Hebrew – A place where the spirit of unsaved dead are confined and tormented while waiting for the judgment day.

Luke 16:19-31 ‘Lazarus and the rich man’ v. 22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side 24So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and sent Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

Revelation 1:18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Revelation 20:13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged

according to what he had done. 14 The death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15 If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

- C. Gehenna – The state of final punishment for the devil, his angels and every person who rejected God's offer of salvation.

The word is used 12 times in the NT 11 times by Jesus, always translated "hell." Its use by Jesus warns us of the destiny that even the love of God does not avert from those who finally refuse his forgiveness.

Matthew 5:29 If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell (Gehenna). 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you lose one part of your body that for your whole body to go into hell (Gehenna).

Matthew 10:28 Do not be afraid of those who will kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell (Gehenna).

Jude 1:6 And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home - - these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day.⁷ In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual

immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. Terms parallel to Gehena include:

- ❖ Fiery furnace – **Matthew 13:42, 50**
- ❖ Fiery lake – **Revelation 19:20; 20:14-15**
- ❖ Lake of burning sulfur – **Revelation 20:10**
- ❖ Eternal fire – **Jude 7**
- ❖ Hell – **2 Peter 2:4**

Hebrews 13:15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - - the fruit of lips that confess His name.

CONCLUSION

If there is no hell, Jesus Christ would have not come. Whether man believes that there is hell or not, will never change what has been written. It is written, there is hell and Jesus Christ is the only escape we have.