Heaven Or Hell, Which Do You Choose?

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INTRODUCTION

- For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. … So then each of us shall give an account of himself to God.
- We must be careful as Christians. Not to fall into the trap that the children of Israel did that they were rebellious people.
- An unpopular lesson, one of the most unpopular lessons, is one that deals with hell.

1 An Obligation to the Whole Counsel of God

2 Timothy 3:16–17; Matthew 10:28

- But as Christians, we have an obligation. We have an obligation to observe and live by the whole counsel of God.
- We need all the words of God, including the teaching on the subject of hell, for us to be equipped for every good work.
- Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul, but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

2 Only Two Possible Destinations

Matthew 25:32–34; Matthew 25:41

- After this life, all people have only two possible destinations. On the day of judgment, we'll be sent to the right or to the left.
- Depart from me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels.
- Simply stated, in this plain old country words, we're either going to heaven or we're going to hell.

3 Hell Was Designed for the Devil

1 Peter 5:8; Revelation 20:10

- Hell was designed for the devil. Realize this that Satan is not enthroned there now. He is loose on this earth.
- Be sober. Be vigilant. Because your adversary, the devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
- After Christ returns, he will throw the devil into the lake of fire. Not to reign, but to be tormented.

4 Hell's a Horrible Place

Matthew 13:41–42; Revelation 21:8; Isaiah 59:1–2

- Hell's a horrible place. It's a place of anguish. It is a place of pain. A place where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- What makes it worse is that it will be a place without God. And it is sin which separates us from God.
- But your iniquities have separated you from your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.
- Hell is a place without God. It is a place without Jesus. It is a place without the Holy Spirit.

5 Here's Who's Going to Be There

Romans 1:28–32; Matthew 7:21–23

- Here's who's going to be there. Unbelievers, the immoral, the ungodly.
- The scripture here says those who are disobedient to parents are grouped in with those who are not going to see heaven.
- There are other people, according to the Word of God, who are going to be an eternal damnation. Good moral people.
- Right off the bat, Jesus is saying, there's only certain ones going. Who is that? Anyone who does the will of the Father.
- What is that lawlessness? It's not following God's commands. And that includes unfaithful members of the Lord's body.

6 Heaven Is a Wonderful Place

2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 21:4; John 14:1–6

- God does not want anyone to go to hell for an eternity.
- Not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- In heaven there is no death, there is no pain, there is no sorrow, there is no crying.
- Jesus describes heaven as a home with mansions. And he provides directions to get there.
- Jesus said to him, I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

THE CHALLENGE

We need to choose Christ. We plead with you. Choose Christ. Choose Christ. Choose heaven as your home.

MY NOTES