

Is There a Hell?

(Summary of lectures)

1. The OT makes no Reference to 'hell'
2. The OT mentions Sheol, the 'grave'
3. The OT makes no reference to eternal punish-ment
4. The NT makes no reference to 'hell'
5. The NT Greek uses 'hades', 'Tartarus', & 'Gehenna', which are not equivalent to hell for humans
6. The concept of eternal punishment for the wicked was developed during the inter-testamental period
7. 'Gnashing of teeth' was an ancient expression of rage
8. 'Weeping and gnashing of teeth' has nothing to do with eternal punishment
9. Jesus' use of the expression related to the destruction of Jerusalem with the end of the OC
10. The separation of the sheep and goats is part of the 'Olivet Discourse'
 - (*Read Matthew 25 in conjunction with Matthew 23 & 24 as well as Mark 13 and Luke 21*)
11. In these chapters, Jesus is addressing his judgement on the Jews for their apostasy.
12. The 'sheep & goats' parable plus the '10 virgins' and the 'wheat & the tares' parables are about the end of the OC and the beginning of the NC.
13. The "sheep" were the righteous Jews (e.g. Christians) and "goats" were the apostate Jews.
14. Every Christian miraculously escaped before the fall of Jerusalem. The Romans massacred 1.1 million non-combatants there.
15. There are many Christians we believe differently concerning eternal punishment. These are all based on Bible verses.¹
16. Eternal Torment – Non-believers are tormented in Hell for eternity.
17. Annihilationism – Non-believers cease to exist.
18. Universalism – Everyone has the opportunity to be saved through Jesus.
19. Each view interprets conflicting verses in scriptures from their perspective.
20. Fundamentalism is based on subjective truth because we are subjective in how we interpret scripture.
21. Every reason that causes us to reject the love and grace of God are based on some kind of illusion, delusion, or lie that's been put on us or that we've taken into our heart.
22. Eternal torment 'proof scriptures' in the OT are not about that at all:
 - Isaiah 66:24 – This is the image of Gehenna with slain people laying in the fire which Jesus referred to. They are dead people, not living people.
 - Daniel 12:2 – 'Everlasting' is translated from the Hebrew word *olam* which means 'an age', 'in the far distance', 'beyond the horizon' or 'a very distant time'. It does not mean 'for ever and ever'.
23. Our belief system (theology) mirrors what we imagine God is like.
24. Our behaviour is governed by what we imagine God is like.
25. Many people have visited Hell or had a spiritual dream about it.
26. From spiritual experiences Hell appears to be a real place.

1 – See "Hellbound? (Movie notes)" (canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/HellBound-Video-Notes.pdf)

27. To receive any accurate knowledge we must know “The Word” himself.
28. After visits or dreams, most people haven’t asked the question of the Lord, “What are you wanting to tell me about the reality Hell?”
29. Religion is not a source of true spiritual knowledge.
30. Those who have come out of the religious system and are learning to live as sons have contrasting revelations to those inside the church.
31. Many believers are being mentored by Jesus himself.
32. Those who are mentored have access to knowledge that is hidden from those who draw from the church, the Bible and the pastor.
33. The Lord has revealed little widespread knowledge of Hell and eternal punishment in modern times.
34. Mike Parsons is being mentored by Jesus and has been shown how to rescue people² from the fire of God.
35. This is exactly what Jesus did. (1 Peter 4:4-6)
36. Ultimately, what we believe about Hell must come from revelation from Heaven, not from anywhere else.
37. Until our King informs you, you have to make up your own mind on what you believe about Hell.
38. We must come to terms with the knowledge that God’s dealings with people is always restorative at the core. Therefore, Hell is outside that paradigm.³

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² - His family lineages, actually.

³ – See “243. Not Counting Their Trespasses” (freedomarc.blog/2018/02/22/243-not-counting-their-trespasses)