

“The Hopelessness of Hell”

Part 2

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The Characteristics of Hell

- When we think of HELL one of the first things that come to mind is that it's the place where the devil and his angels reside.
- In the Bible there is little information in the Bible describing HELL compared to other subjects; but there is enough to let us know that it is a place we don't want to go.

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Some of the Characteristics of Hell listed in Scripture are the following:

- Everlasting fire – Matt 25:41
- Everlasting punishment – Matt 25:46
- Outer darkness – Matt 8:12
- Everlasting destruction – 2 Thess 1:9
- Lake of fire – Rev 19:20

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- Yes these are Biblical descriptions of HELL but there are some other factors we need to consider and view to see what HELL is really like.
- HELL is essentially a place of punishment.
- There is someone who is in HELL tonight and can share with us what HELL is like.
- The rich man in Luke 16”19-31
- He states “for I am tormented in this flame.”

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- There are three characteristics of HELL in this pericope of Luke 16:19-31.
 - 1) Hell is a place of intense suffering. (vs 24.)
 - Rich man was suffering
 - He was hot and overheated
 - Thirsty (dry mouth)
 - Anguish with intense physical and mental pain

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HELL is a terrible place because of the one who is doing the punishing.

- Hebrews 12:29 “Our God is a consuming fire.”
- Hebrews 10:31 “it is a dreadful thing to fall in the hands of the living God.”
- Hebrews 10:27 “a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

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2) HELL is a place of incurable sorrow. (vs. 25)

- One of the most terrible things about HELL will be the fact that the people there will retain their memory.
- It is obvious that Abraham and the rich man talked about his life on earth. The sad part is that he couldn't erase the vivid memory to ease his pain.

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- HELL is a place of indefinite separation. (vs 26)
- What makes HELL...hell, is not necessarily the suffering, nor even the sorrow... What makes HELL so unbearable is the separation from God.
- In Luke 22:39-44, Jesus depicts for us how it is to be separated from God.
- It wasn't Jesus seeing sin and the suffering in that bitter cup that made it so hard, it was the SEPARATION that caused Him to sweat drops of blood.

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- Later at Calvary while on the cross, Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me.”
- Revelation 20 teaches us HELL is horrible without God.
- It behooves us not to say about someone who is unsaved that is sick that they will be better off if they would just go on and die, they would be in a better off or in a better place...

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In conclusion, HELL is most horrible because you will be eternally separated from God.

What Is It In HELL do you want?