

HELL IS NOT THE END (Luke 16:19-31)

Genesis 3:1-6; John 8:44-45 Some six thousand years ago Satan took the fear of God away from Eve with a lie. She chose to believe his lie instead of believing the truth from God. Today there are many false religions that choose the lies of Satan over the truth of God's word. Some believe there is no hell. Some believe there is a hell but God doesn't send people there. Others believe there is a place called Purgatory where lost sinners are 'prepared' to go to heaven through the offerings of the living.

THE WAITING ROOM

Psalm 9:17 Hell is mentioned in the bible more than fifty times. The bible refers to hell as a place of torment where people go that are spiritually lost and are waiting for judgment.

Hebrews 9:27 Most people who have lived and gone to church their whole life never think about this judgment that awaits everyone. Some never hear about it or think briefly about it but never deal with it.

Matthew 7:22-23 People who attend church believe judgment is for others that outwardly are vile and ungodly. Because of their church attendance and good deeds they believe they're heaven bound.

Luke 12:4-5 Surely the great sin of today in the lives of believers, unbelievers and the nations of the world is a total absence of the fear of God. He's not just talking of a 'respect', Jesus is talking of FEAR.

II Peter 2:4, 9 Let us make special note of the phrase 'reserved unto judgment'. The word *reserved* means – (to be kept, to be set apart or set aside for future or for special use). These verses tell us that hell is only a temporary holding place for the lost angels and lost people that refused to trust God.

HELL, DEATH & THE PIT

Ezekiel 31:16-17 Speaking of Assyria and its great fall, Ezekiel writes that God casts the nation and its army down to hell into “the pit.” Hell is also referred to as “the bottomless pit” see (**Rev. 9:1-11**).

Isaiah 14:12-15; Revelation 20:1-3 We have in Isaiah the history and prophecy regarding Satan falling from his position in heaven and later being thrown into the “bottomless pit” temporarily.

Ezekiel 26:19-20 Speaking of the destruction of Tyrus, (Tyre), Ezekiel writes of God bringing this city *down into the pit*. Several scriptures indicate that the pit, or hell is located somewhere 'down'.

Ezekiel 31:14 Notice in this verse that even the trees of the city will be cast into the pit. Also note the word *nether*, this word means (situated down, or below the earth's surface). Also, please note that this verse indicates that *death* and the *pit* have the same meaning and both correspond to mean *hell*.

Mark 9:43-48 We must consider that hell is the holding place for all lost angels and people waiting for the call to their judgment day. As they wait they are in constant torment in the center of the earth.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

Revelation 20:11-13 After being tormented since death, Judgment Day comes. The Book Of Life is shown to each person as evidence for conviction. Then The Books of Sin are opened that contain every evil thought, word, and deed and is measured against God's perfect standard. When the toll is added up the judgment is delivered “*according to their works*” and they are cast into the Lake of Fire.

THE LAKE OF FIRE

Revelation 19:20 The first ever to be cast into the lake of fire; the anti-Christ and false prophet.

Revelation 20:10 The Devil is the next to be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented forever.

Revelation 20:15 Our family, our loved ones that are lost are the last to be cast into the lake of fire.