



The Bible Speaks

WHAT IS HELL?

From the beginning it has been the work of the Devil to misrepresent the character of God. In heaven he interjected doubt into the minds of the angels as to the justice and love of God. In this work of deception he succeeded so well that one third of the angels followed him in rebellion against God.

Since his expulsion from heaven it has been his studied purpose to wreak havoc on this earth. He seeks to alienate the affections of God's children by misrepresenting the character of God. By deception he has confused even those who profess to be Christians. Many people do not know that God is really a God of love. They do not understand His plan of salvation for fallen man.

Millions have turned away from God - thinking Him to be unmerciful and unfair. They have done this because of a misunderstanding about the punishment of the wicked. What has happened is that Pagan beliefs and teachings have taken the place of Bible truth. By a misuse of texts manmade theories seem to be supported by the Bible.

It is reported that Robert Ingersoll, the prince of infidels, might have become a great Christian preacher. Unfortunately, he was taught that there would be many infants, a span long, who would burn in hell through all eternity. He is reported to have said, "If that is what God is like, I hate Him."

If those who are misinformed could only know what the Bible teaches concerning the punishment of the sinner, they would see the mercy, justice, and wisdom of God. Let us discover what the Bible really teaches concerning Hell.

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1. What does God say will be the ultimate wages of sin? **Romans 6:23**

The Bible Answer: "The wages of sin is _____, but the gift of God is _____ through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Note: The text does not say that the sinner will live forever in torment. Life and death are contrasted here.

2. What death does the Bible say is the final reward of the wicked?
Revelation 20:14

The Bible Answer: _____

3. When will this "Second Death" take place? **Revelation 20:7-9, 14**

The Bible Answer: _____

4. How much of the sinner will be destroyed in the lake of fire? **Matthew 10:28**

The Bible Answer: _____

5. How complete will be the effect of the fire in destroying the unrepentant sinner? **Malachi 4:1-3**

The Bible Answer: "The day that cometh shall _____
that it shall leave them _____ (Vs 1).
They shall be _____ (Vs 3).

6. What will happen to the fire after it has done its work of destruction?
Isaiah 47:14

The Bible Answer: _____

Note: Also read **Psalm 37:20**

7. How complete is the destruction of Satan, who is symbolized as the King of Tyre? **Ezekiel 28:18,19**

The Bible Answer: "I will bring thee _____ (Vs 18)
And never shall _____ (Vs 19)

PLEASE READ the entire parable that Christ gave concerning the Sower and the seed. In this story Christ outlines the fate of the wicked and the reward of the righteous in detail. You will find this parable in **Matthew 13:24-30, 37-43**.

8. When did Jesus in His parable indicate that the harvest, or the separation of good and evil, will take place? **Matthew 13:39**

The Bible Answer: _____

9. In the parable when will the wicked, or the tares, be destroyed?
Matthew 13:40

The Bible Answer: _____

10. Whom will Christ use at the end of this world to separate the good and evil?
Matthew 13:41

The Bible Answer: _____

11. Where will the righteous live after the "harvest"? **Matthew 13:43**

The Bible Answer: _____

12. To what will the redeemed have access throughout eternity?
Revelation 22:1, 2

The Bible Answer: _____

13. How does God contrast the fate of the saved and the fate of the lost?
Isaiah 1:19, 20

The Bible Answer: "If ye be willing and obedient _____
_____. But if ye refuse and rebel _____."

14. What is God's desire for all mankind? **2 Peter 3:9**

The Bible Answer: _____

God so loved the world that he sent His Son to die for us. Jesus has paid the price for our redemption, but God will not force us to accept Christ as our Saviour. If we want forgiveness and cleansing, we can have it. On the other hand, if we are determined to continue in sin, God cannot save us.

God is not only merciful, but He is a God of justice. If a person refuses the free gift of salvation, he will be destroyed. The person who clings to his sins would not be happy in heaven. There will be no saloons in the New Jerusalem. Gone will be all other places of evil and vice. Only those who have learned to love spiritual and pure things will desire to be there.

Millions of people in other lands long for the privilege of coming to America and becoming citizens of the United States, but they are unable to realize this dream. Immigration quotas are low, and there are many vainly waiting their turn to come to this land of opportunity. Some will never live long enough to be admitted.

This is not true of the beautiful city that God has in preparation for the redeemed. Every person who is "WILLING AND OBEDIENT" can become a citizen of the New Jerusalem. The decision is up to us individually whether we spend eternity in heaven or are destroyed. We can choose to obey and love God, or we can choose to neglect and refuse His great salvation. Christ can give us the desire to become willing and obedient if we will surrender our lives to Him. Won't you accept Jesus today and prepare to become a citizen of that city?

(If you wish to respond to the following questions, place a cross in the box.)

Pray for me that Christ will give me the desire to become willing and obedient so that I may become a citizen of the New Jerusalem.

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