

# HELL

Jesus said,

“But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who after He has killed has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear [God]!”

(Luke 12:5)

The word “hell” has been misused for so long that it has lost its “punch”; it has lost its terror. Hell is a real place. It is a place of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:7–9). Hell has been prepared for Satan and his demons; it is for ungodly people as well, for those who are not “clothed” with Jesus—the unbelievers.

In reality, all of us from our birth are heading for hell, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). We are born with a sinful nature—physically alive, but spiritually dead—without the Holy Spirit, and in need of salvation. (Read chapter “Salvation.”)

God in His great love and mercy provided a way out. Jesus Christ is the Way, and the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). Through His finished work on the cross and His resurrection, He is offering forgiveness and life to all. Our part is to believe Him and receive His gift—eternal life.

All believers are identified with Jesus—“clothed” with Jesus—and it is His righteousness that opens heaven’s door for us. We, the believers, are righteous in the sight of God, because Jesus, the Righteous One, lives in us.

On the other hand, the unbelievers will stand before God in their own righteousness, and no one will make it to heaven on their own, without the righteousness of Jesus.

We have to look at the word “righteousness” from God’s perspective. When God says righteous, He means perfect. You may see yourself as a good person, and you may be. But are you perfect and holy? According to God, you are not, for He said, “There is no man who does not sin.” We all need the righteousness of Jesus.

The only thing that will keep anyone from heaven and keep him or her on the path to hell is unbelief in Jesus and His accomplished work on the cross and His resurrection.

Rejecting the only provision available will put one at the Great White Throne, where that person will be judged according to his or her deeds.

And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

(Revelation 20:15)

Why? Because that person trampled under foot the Son of God and regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant, and insulted the Spirit of Grace.

It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

(Hebrews 10:31)

But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

(Revelation 21:8)

Jesus spoke of hell and warned us with the following words:

And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire,

[where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.]

And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than having your two feet, to be cast into hell,

[where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.]

And if your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into hell,

where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.

(Mark 9:43–48)

There is a place called hell. Contrary to wide belief, it is not a place where people are being tormented by Satan and his demons. It is here, on earth, where satanic forces are tormenting humanity. In hell, Satan and his demons are not going to torment anyone; they will be in torment themselves. Beloved, read the Bible, and think everything through.

In the Bible we read of a second death—the lake of fire.

And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.

And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

(Revelation 20:10–15)

To discover one day that there really is God, heaven and hell, to find oneself among the unbelievers at the Great White Throne, and realizing the eternal separation from God—what a torment it will be! *Hell is a place without love*. I don't think we can even imagine a place like that!

Now is the time to repent; now is the time to turn from unbelief in Jesus and to believe in Him.

Behold, **NOW IS "THE ACCEPTABLE TIME,"**  
behold, **NOW IS "THE DAY OF SALVATION."**

(2 Corinthians 6:2)