



The Destiny of the Lost

HEAVEN

H

- Home (**1 Pet 2:11-12, 2 Pet 3:10-13, Phil 3:20-21**)
- Hope realized/rewarded (**Rom 8:24, 1 John 3:1-3, 1 Pet 1:3-9**)

E

- Eternal/Everlasting life (**John 3:14-16, 1 John 5:11-13**)

A

- Abide: To make heaven our home, we must abide in Christ Jesus and His word (**John 8:31, 1 John 2:24-28**)

V

- Victory: Over sin, over death, over the world (**1 Cor 15:50-58, 1 John 5:4**)

E

- Endurance: We must endure until the end to make heaven our home (**Matt 10:21-22, 2 Tim 2:11-13, Jam 1:12**)

N

- No more of the things that burden us in this life (**Rev 21:1-4, 27**)



The Destiny of the Lost

The Reality of Hell

- If God's word is true (and it is), there is a place of punishment for the unsaved.
- It is not something invented by preachers, or some church, or Bible translators, to scare people into compliance

The Reality of Hell

- **Matthew 5:29-30** – it is better to cut off a body part than to be cast into hell
- **2 Corinthians 5:10** – all appear to receive “according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”
- **John 5:28-29** – both the good and evil will come forth in resurrection
- **Hebrews 10:29-30** – how much worse punishment...

Hell described

- Jesus spoke of hell more than any other NT writer.
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This was the garbage dump of Jerusalem (defiled by Josiah because of idolatry – **2 Kings 23:10**). Jesus used it to illustrate the fate of the ungodly.
- **Matthew 25:41, 46; 2 Thessalonians 1:9** – eternal
- **Matthew 8:12, Mark 9:44** – torments (**cf. Luke 16:22-23ff**)

Hell described

- God is NOT there – **2 Thessalonians 1:9, cf. Matthew 25:41.**
- **1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Revelation 21:8, cf. 27** – where the wicked will be!
- We ought not wish this place on anyone.
Consider profanity about this place.

Why does this matter?

- All will spend eternity somewhere – **Matthew 25:46. Ecclesiastes 12:7, Hebrews 9:27, John 5:28-29, Revelation 20:12-15**
- Even the saved can forfeit their salvation – **2 Peter 2:20-22, Galatians 5:4, Hebrews 10:38**

Hell and evangelism

- The lost must understand there are consequences to rejecting God's plan of salvation –
2 Thessalonians 1:8-9, 1 Peter 4:17
- A well-placed study about this can lead to conversion
- Fear is a great motivator (at first) - **Hebrews 10:31, cf. Acts 16:29-30.**
(Though love ought to be what we grow into - **1 John 4:18**)

Hell and evangelism

- Misconceptions about this subject cause many to reject/dismiss the gospel
- Even among brethren, some deny its existence.
Watered down teaching, tolerance of immorality and compromise (If no eternal consequences, why bother?)
No real accountability!
- Our task is to convince others there are eternal consequences.!

Hell and evangelism

- We must understand the destiny of the lost
- How much do we concern ourselves with this?

Are we willing to do whatever to win others?

2 Corinthians 5:11, Jude 22-23

1 Corinthians 9:19-23 – all things to all men

Hell and evangelism


- We must understand OUR responsibility toward the lost
- **1 Peter 3:15** – ready to give a defense
- **1 Corinthians 9:16** – woe is me...
 cf. Ezekiel 3:16-21 – a watchman
- **Matthew 5:16** – an example to all
- **Mark 16:15-16** – “Go”

Hell and evangelism

- NO ONE has to go there!
- Hell is the destiny of those who reject God and His will.
- But God desires that all be saved – **1 Timothy 2:4,**
2 Peter 3:9
- If one is lost it is because of his own sins – **Ezekiel 18:5,**
20; James 1:12-16, cf. Acts 13:46.
Romans 3:23 – all will sin, but it is ALWAYS a choice!

Hell and evangelism

- NO ONE has to go there!
- Consider: WE have the answer! We need to learn the gospel and be willing to share it with others.
- You may not win that soul (and the more seed you sow, the more you WILL be rejected), but your job is to cast the seed. Your job is to present them with the choice. Let God give the increase – **1 Corinthians 3:6**



As noted at the start, this subject is unpleasant. But it is part of God's word and the destiny of souls are at stake. Even if others do not preach on it, we must! **2 Timothy 4:2-3**

Consider – **Ezekiel 33:11, 2 Peter 3:9** – God takes no joy in condemning anyone, but His righteousness & justice demands it!

But also note He gives a solution! Repent and obey!



Where will you choose to spend eternity?



Let us pray!