



LIFE ON THE EDGE

Radio Bible Study #11

Study: Destruction of the Wicked - (Hell)

Intent of Study: To show that the purpose of hell is to destroy sin forever.

Focus it: Jesus loves the wicked forever.

1. Matthew 25:41
2. Matthew 25:34
3. Revelation 20:5-9
4. Job 21:30 (2 Peter 3:4-7)
5. John 3:16
6. Revelation 14:9-11
7. Isaiah 34:8-10
8. 1 Samuel 1:22
9. Malachi 4:1-3
10. Jude 7
11. 2 Peter 2:6
12. Revelation 20:14
13. Matthew 10:28
14. Hosea 11:8
15. Ezekiel 33:11
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The word "hell" appears in the Bible around 55 times depending on the translation.

OT - "Sheol" = grave

NT - "Hades" = grave

- "Gehenna" = a place of burning

Share It:

Who was hell prepared for?

1. **Matthew 25:41** - Hell was prepared for the devil and his angels. Hell was never intended to have people in it, I have no business being there. (It says nothing about everlasting life)

If hell wasn't prepared for humanity, what was prepared for us?

2. **Matthew 25:34** - The kingdom was prepared for us.

Where on earth is hell anyway? "Yes"

3. **Revelation 20:5-9** - On the earth. The fire comes down from God out of heaven and devours them. Sounds like the wicked are destroyed.

When on earth is hell?

4. **Job 21:30 (2 Peter 3:4-7)** - the wicked are reserved for the day, people do not go to hell right after they die. Reserved for fire until the day. It is not now.
5. **John 3:16** The options according to Jesus. Perish or everlasting life. That's it! Not everlasting life in hell. Everlasting life is in heaven or perish in hell.
6. **Revelation 14:9-11** - forever and ever

Revelation uses a lot of language from other places in the Bible so in order to understand let's look at another verse with similar language.

7. **Isaiah 34:8-10** - John uses the same language as Isaiah, forever and ever. Isaiah is talking about the destruction of Edom, the end of verse 10 says that no one will pass through the smoke forever and ever. If we go to Edom today, we will not see smoke rising anymore.
8. **1 Samuel 1:22** Him being there for ever would be conditional on him living for ever. So Samuel served there for ever until he died. I am going to stay married for ever. Really?
9. **Malachi 4:1-3** - The wicked will be ashes. If the wicked are going to be ashes, where is the fire? *No longer there*. The day is coming, in the future.

10. Jude 7 - Eternal fire destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Are Sodom and Gomorrah still burning? *No*. They are an example.

An example to who?

11. 2 Peter 2:6 - To those who would live ungodly.

12. Revelation 20:14 - If it's called the second death, the implication is that there was a first death. Hell is the second death.

13. Matthew 10:28 - Difference between two deaths

1st death - death of the body

2nd death - death of the soul

14. Hosea 11:8 - Admah, Zeboim = cities that were also destroyed with Sodom and Gomorrah. Destruction of the wicked, examples of hell. God is saying, "How can I give you over to hell?" The heart of God is broken. (*Deut 29:23*)

15. Ezekiel 33:11 - God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. He wants you to turn from your wicked ways.

Appeals:

Do you see that God is a God of love, do you see His passion even in the execution of the judgment. Is it your desire to accept the death of Jesus, the experience that Jesus went through in the garden of Gethsemane and on Calvary as your substitute. Is there anything that would keep you from accepting Jesus as your substitute?

Simple Questions with Simple Answers:

1. Q: 1 Peter 3:18-20

A: **18** - How many personalities do you see in verse 18? *Christ, God, the Spirit - the trinity.*

19 - "by whom" the spirit. The spirit is the one preaching to the spirits in prison. Isaiah 42:7,22-24 those that are in prison = in darkness, those who have sinned, disobedient to God's law = the ungodly.

Not in prison, this is a reference to those who are lost.

Isaiah 61:1 Prison-house of sin, bondage of addictions.

20 - The spirit did the preaching to those who were in "sin prison" in the days of Noah.

Was the spirit present during the time of the flood?

Genesis 6:3 the spirit was there in the days of Noah, 120 years

1 Peter says during the time that the ark was being prepared

Noah was the Holy Spirit's mouthpiece to preach to those prisoners in darkness and sin, the ones who were disobedient to God's law.

This is a parallel of what will happen in the end times, the Holy Spirit will be withdrawn.

1 Peter 1:10-12 Holy Spirit is the preacher.

2. Q: Luke 16:19-31

A: Series of five parables: the lost coin, the lost sheep, the lost son, unjust steward, rich man and Lazarus.

- Abraham's bosom would need to be quite large to fit men into it
- Dip of the finger, one drop of water will not be enough to cool him
- Conversations between heaven and hell - how blissful could heaven be if you could hear the cries of the lost from hell?
- Who is He speaking to? vs 14 The Pharisees, lovers of money. They believed that if you were rich you were blessed by God and if you were poor you were cursed. They always prided themselves on being "related" to Abraham - John 8:39,44
- In the parable the rich man goes to hell and the poor beggar goes to heaven.
- The rich man addresses Abraham as "Father Abraham" just like the pharisees called Abraham father in John 8:39.
- The rich man represents the pharisees. Jesus is challenging their thinking about money.
- The beggar represents the gentiles (Matthew 15:21-27) beggars eating crumbs.
- Matthew 21:31 even the tax collectors and harlots will enter the Kingdom before you.
- What was Jesus trying to teach in this parable?
- The importance of witnessing. Israel failed to warn the gentile world and they were guilty of their death. You only have one life to live.

Extra:

The very thing that God hates, sin, is wrapped around the very thing that God loves, the sinner. In order to destroy sin, He has to destroy the sinner.