

## HEAVEN Part 5 - Heaven Yes! Hell No!

### WHY DOES HELL EXIST?

1) For God to deal righteously with \_\_\_\_\_.

*...Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.*

Matthew 25:41

2) For God to deal righteously with the \_\_\_\_\_.

*He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power... 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9*

### WHAT WILL HELL BE LIKE?

- Unspeakable \_\_\_\_\_ ; Matthew 25:41, 46; Revelation 14:10-11
- Unsatisfied \_\_\_\_\_ ; Luke 16:24
- Unquenchable \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ ; Matthew 13:41-42, 49-50
- Eternal Separation From \_\_\_\_\_ ; Luke 13:28; 16:19-31
- Hell Is \_\_\_\_\_ Revelation 20:10

*And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur...They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Revelation 20:10*

FOREVER: In hell there is no hope. The damned have not even the hope of dying - the hope of being annihilated. They are forever - forever - forever - lost. On every chain in hell, there is written "forever." In the fires there, blaze out the words, "forever." Above their heads, they read "forever." Their eyes are galled and their hearts are pained with the thought that it is "forever." (Spurgeon)

*In hell (hades), where he (rich man) was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, "Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire [...] And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us. He answered, "Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment." Luke 16:26-28*

### BIBLICAL WORDS

- **Sheol:** deep, dark place of sorrow, pain, destruction. Translated as hell, grave, pit.
- **Hades:** underworld, region of the departed, realm of the dead.
- **Gehenna:** continual burning, Valley of Hinnom.
- **Tartaros:** dungeon for demons, the deepest abyss of Hades; incarcerate in eternal torment.
- **Limne pur:** Lake of fire.

## LESSONS FROM HELL

- 1) The rich man was fully \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) His eternal destiny was irrevocably \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) He knew what he was experiencing was \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) He became interested in \_\_\_\_\_.

**MAIN THOUGHT: GOD DOESN'T WANT \_\_\_\_\_ TO GO TO HELL.**

*... (The Lord) is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

2 Peter 3:9

*Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:14-15*

### GROUP QUESTIONS FOR YOUR JOURNEY TOGETHER:

The lives of the Rich Man and Lazarus are contrasted in three different ways. Discuss the contrasts and how justice will be served once we pass from our physical state to our eternal state.

1. In life--verses 19-21
2. In death--verse 22
3. In eternity--verses 23-31

The story of the Rich Man and Lazarus has many lessons. Discuss the following lessons found in this story:

1. Eternity is where earthly wrongs or injustices are made right.
2. Our eternal destiny is not what most people expect. Eternity will come as a shock and a surprise to many, who think that they are going to heaven, and find themselves in hell.
3. Our eternal destiny is not determined by those things by which our society measures "success" and "significance." By human estimates, it would have been Lazarus, the poor and miserable man, who would have suffered eternally, and the rich man who would have lived in comfort.
4. Our eternal destiny is sealed by a decision we make in life, and cannot be reversed after death.
5. The decision involves the acknowledgment and repentance of our sins, and trust in the person and work of Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, to rise from the dead three days later and proclaim the good news of the gospel and warn men of eternal judgment.

### VERSES FOR FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 25:41, 46; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; Revelation 14:10-11; 20:10, 14-15; Luke 13:28; 16:19-31; 2 Peter 3:9