

What Will Happen in the Future? Lesson 5 – Hell

Introduction:

- Because God is infinitely holy, sin must receive an infinite _____.
- Hell is the place where God will punish sinners _____ for their sins.

1. Hell is a place of eternal, conscious punishment for the _____.

A. Hell is an actual _____.

Matt 25.30 *And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. **In that place** there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

- Hell is located in a place that's _____ from the eternal home of the righteous.

Matt 25.41 *“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘**Depart from me**, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”*

B. Hell is the place where the unrighteous are sent for _____.

- Hell is where the Lord will execute His _____ upon His enemies.

Rev 14.10 *he also will drink the wine of God’s wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.*

C. Hell is the place where suffering is _____.

Rev 20.10 *and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, **and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.***

Matt 25.41 *“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the **eternal fire** prepared for the devil and his angels.’”*

Matt 25.46 *And these will go away into **eternal punishment**, but the righteous into **eternal life.**”*

- Hell is a place where suffering will _____, because sinners can never suffer enough to pay for their sins.

D. Hell is a place of _____ feeling God's punishment forever.

- Those who are in Hell are _____ of horrible suffering and pain.

E. Hell is a place of _____ punishment without any hope of _____.

Mark 9.43 *And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the **unquenchable fire**.*

Mark 9.47-48 *And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, 48 'where their worm does not die and **the fire is not quenched.**'*

- The _____ of Hell is seen very clearly in the story of the rich man and Lazarus.

Luke 16.22-24 *The rich man also died and was buried, 23 and in Hades, **being in torment**, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 24 And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for **I am in anguish in this flame.**'*

- The rich man is told that there is no _____ or relief from torment.

Luke 16.26 *And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, **and none may cross from there to us.**'*

Rev 14.10 *And the smoke of their torment goes up **forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night**, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."*

- The suffering in Hell is so _____ that it causes the rich man to plead that someone would warn those who might go there.

Luke 16.27-28 *And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house—28 for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, **lest they also come into this place of torment.**'*

F. The severity of punishment in Hell teaches us several things:

- Hell's horrors reveal to us the magnitude of God's _____.
- Hell's horrors reveal to us the infinite _____ of God.

- Hell's horrors reveal to us the extent of the _____ of sin.
 - Hell's horrors reveal to us that sin is an infinite _____ to God.
2. Some people avoid or _____ the idea of eternal punishment in Hell.
- Our flesh does not always easily accept the _____ teachings of the Bible.
 - It is dangerous to base our beliefs on how we _____.
 - We must base our beliefs on what God has _____ in His Word, even if it is difficult to hear.
- A. Some people who reject this doctrine of Hell believe that those who go to Hell will eventually be _____.
- They teach that sinners will suffer punishment only for a _____ period of time, until they pay for their sins.
 - They teach that after sinners suffer for a while, God will _____ destroy them, and they will cease to exist.
- B. Those who reject the idea of the wicked suffering eternally in Hell often make the following arguments.
- **Argument 1:** They claim that the Bible's references to the destruction of the wicked means that after a period of time they will be consumed by the fire and cease to _____.
- 2 Thess 1.9** They will suffer the punishment of **eternal destruction**, away from the **presence of the Lord** and from the glory of his might,*
- Phil 3.19** **Their end is destruction**, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.*
- 2 Pet 3.7** But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and **destruction of the ungodly**.*
- **Answer:** The Bible's references to the destruction of the wicked do not refer to ending their existence in Hell, but to their _____ suffering and banishment from the presence of the Lord.

- **Argument 2: They claim that a _____ God would not allow people to suffer eternally.**
- **Answer: God is not unloving because He punishes sin _____.**
- **Argument 3: It is _____ to punish sins for eternity.**
- **Answer 1: Who are we to determine the _____ punishment for sin?**

Rom 9.20 **But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?”**

Rom 9.21 **Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?**

- **Answer 2: God’s holiness is infinite, therefore sin is infinitely _____, and requires an infinite punishment.**

Rom 9.14 **What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God’s part? By no means!**

Gen 18.25b **Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”**

Psa 7.11 **God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.**

Psa 145.17 **The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.**

Psa 92.15b **the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.**

- **Answer 3: God’s glory and God’s perfect holiness would be _____ if sinners were not punished according to God’s holy law.**

Rom 9.22–23 **What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—**

- **God will be _____ when He pours out His wrath on the wicked, and his mercy on the righteous.**

Rev 19.1–2 After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,

2 **for his judgments are true and just;**

for he has judged the great prostitute

who corrupted the earth with her immorality,

and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

Rev 19.6–7 Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

7 **Let us rejoice and exult**

and give him the glory,

for the marriage of the Lamb has come,

and his Bride has made herself ready;

3. What should our _____ be to the Bible’s teaching on Hell?

A. The doctrine of Hell should cause us to feel great _____ on those who do not know Christ.

- God Himself does not take _____ in death of the wicked.

Ezek 33.11 Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, **I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?**

- The Lord Jesus _____ deeply over Jerusalem.

Matt 23.37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! **How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!**

Lukk 19.41-42 And when he drew near and saw the city, **he wept over it, 42** saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

- The apostle Paul _____ over his lost Jewish countrymen.

Rom 9.2-3 I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

B. The doctrine of Hell should strongly motivate us to _____ those who do not know Christ.

1 Cor 9.16b For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

2 Cor 5.11a Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others.

- **When we share the Gospel, we must never _____ the teaching of Hell from our evangelism.**
- **You first have to know the _____ news in order to see the Gospel as _____ news!**