

The Place Called Hell

Luke 16:19-31

Theme: Hell is a place in eternity where the unsaved are exposed to God's wrath against their sin.

Why is it necessary to consider the doctrine of Hell?

- It is Biblical.
- There is widespread disbelief in the existence of Hell.
- Many people have misconceptions regarding the nature and attributes of God.

We must all listen to Scripture and
base our beliefs on what it says.

Consider Luke 16:19-31.

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The foundational point that Luke 16:19-31 makes is that Hell is a real place (see v.23a).

Four different words in the Bible are translated *Hell*:

Tartarus - (2 Peter 2:4) Greek name for the underworld

Sheol and ***Hades*** can mean *disembodied existence* (1 Samuel 2:6 ESV), *the grave* (Genesis 37:35), *Hell* (Psalm 9:17 KJV; Luke 16:23)

Gehenna - a valley southwest of Jerusalem where rubbish was dumped or burned. It symbolised Hell (Matthew 10:28).

Sheol/Hades refers to Hell as the abode of unsaved **souls** before Judgement Day.

Gehenna refers to Hell as the abode of the unsaved, **body & soul**, after Judgement Day.

Most New Testament teaching on Hell comes from the lips of Jesus!

Clearing up Common Misconceptions

Hell is not the kingdom where Satan rules.

(Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:10.)

Hell is where God is in all His wrath.

God is in Hell in His holy, righteous,
undiluted wrath against sin.

Alienation from God is more accurate
in this sense than *separation* from
God.

Biblical proofs:

God is omnipresent.

(Psalm 139:7-10)

Sin separates people relationally from
God. (Isaiah 59:2)

The wicked are punished in the
presence of the Lamb.

(Revelation 14:9-11)

Eternity for sinner and saint will be spent
*in the immediate presence and sight of
God. Also God will be the Hell of one and
Heaven of the other.*

(Jonathan Edwards on 2 Corinthians 4:18)

*The worst terrors of the prisoners of Hell
come from the presence of the Lamb.*

(John Flavel)

Conclusion – Not only a Place but a Destination

All are born onto the road leading to Hell.

By the grace of God some are no longer on that road.

Jesus is the Great Rescuer.
(1 Thessalonians 1:10)

Christian, appreciate what you have been saved from!

Are you still rejecting Christ?

It is a dreadful thing but a common thing for people to go to Hell. (Jonathan Edwards)

Turn to Him in repentance and faith!

May the Lord use fear of Hell to drive you to Jesus Christ—your love for Him will follow.