

# HELL

Mark 9:43-48

## Introduction:

1. Our country is highly literate. We boast of our educational institutions. We consider ourselves and our people as reasonably intelligent.
2. All have access to the Bible, yet, many do not believe it. Many who claim to believe it do not believe in hell. Bible teaches us all that we know about it.

## I. Why Believe In It?

1. The 'Bible teaches men of its existence. We must believe the Bible. (Antitheses)
2. Redemption implies it.— Rom. 6:21-23; Matt. 25:46. If no hell — no punishment, why the necessity of redemption
3. Heaven suggests that hell exists.
4. Judgment enforces it! (Eccl. 12:13, 14)

## II. What Is Hell?

1. Gehenna — “a valley of Jerusalem used (fig) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment.”(*Strong's Encyclopedia*, p. 20). “The place of eternal punishment, the antithesis of heaven, to which the wicked were cast after the last judgment” (*Dickson's Analytical Bible*, p., 105) “The later Jews applied the name of this valley (Ge Hinnon) ‘Gehenna’ - land of Hinnom) to denote the place of eternal punishment. In this sense the word was used by our Lord.” (*Smith & Peloubet Dictionary*, pp. 249-250). “‘Gehenna’ was, in our Savior's time used for ‘hell’, the place of all departed” (*King-Hobbs Debate*, p. 173).

2. Bible Pictures of Hell.

- (a) Fire — Mt. 5:22;
- (b) Lake of fire — Rev. 20:15
- (c) Bottomless pit — Rev. 20:2
- (d) Outer darkness — Mt. 22:13
- (e) Furnace — Mt. 13:42
- (f) Brimstone - Rev. 21:8
- (g) Baptism — Mt. 3:11
- (h) Association — Rev. 22:15
- (i) Suppose it is figurative — what does it matter? Figure never as strong or powerful as that which it represents!

3. Hell is not the grave, Lk. 12:4, 5; Heb. 10:27-29.

4. Not on earth, Mt. 25:41; 2 Pet 3:10. Could not be on this earth or men could kill and cast into it.

5. Not a continuation of the troubles or even the pleasure of life — “torment,” Lk. 16:23 (“anguish,” R. V.)

### **III. Punishment of Hell Is Eternal.**

1. Will last just as long as heaven — Mt. 25:46; Mrk. 9:47, 48. A place of everlasting condemnation, Mt. 23:33.

2. Will not be annihilation! “Perish” does not mean annihilation (*apollumi*). (John 3:15, 16 — try ‘perish’ here.) “To be deprived of, to lose, to die, to depart, to go away.”

### **IV. Road to Hell is Easy.**

1. Broad way — Mt 7:13, 14.

2. Sin will lead to Hell — Rom. 6:23; Gal. 5:19, 21; Rev. 21:8.

3. Jesus showed us the way out, Mt. 4:1-11.

V. Gates of Hell are Open — So are Gates of Heaven.

1. John 10:9. Whole duty of man, Eccl.. 12:13, 14.

2. Man must make his own choice, 2 Pet. 3:10.

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