

“Gehenna- The Reality of Hell” 9/14/08

Luke 16:19-31

Series- “Cultural and Geographical Faith Lessons From Israel”

Sheol- OT Hebrew word for underworld (equivalent to NT *Hades*); Ps 16:8-11

Qever- OT Hebrew word for “grave” or “tomb”; Genesis 23:6

Taphos- NT Greek word for “grave” or “tomb”; Matthew 28:1

Hades- NT Greek word for underworld (equivalent to OT *Sheol*); Luke 16:23; This temporary place gets throw into permanent Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:13-14).

Tarturus- NT Greek word for lowest part of *Hades*; 2 Peter 2:4

Gehenna- NT Greek word for permanent place of punishment (Matt 10:28); also called the “Lake of Fire” (Revelation 19:20; 20:10, 14, 15); from “Valley of Hinnom”

Abusso- NT Greek word for “abyss” or “bottomless pit” (Matt 8:29; Luke 8:31; Revelation 9:1, 2, 11; 20:1, 3); Geocentric with *Hades*? Matthew 12:40

POINT 1- Understanding the REALITY of Hell.

- A. The actions we do in this life will all be ACCOUNTED FOR
(2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11-12; Matthew 12:36; Romans 2:5-8; 14:10)
- B. The time of our death also seals our destiny PERMANENTLY
(Hebrews 9:27; 2 Corinthians 5:8; Acts 7:56-60; Luke 23:43... “Today”)
- C. The destination after our death is real and reflects our life and ACTIONS
(Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:11, 16; Galatians 3:7; James 2:14-17)

Go over definitions above

Going *God wants you to realize what is at stake; for you and others!*

Deeper *(Hades is soul only; Gehenna is for both body and soul- Matthew 5:29, 30; 10:28; 18:9; Mark 9:43, 45, 47- Seven times!)*

POINT 2- Understanding the DESCRIPTION of Hell.

- A. The description of Hades/Gehenna is one of conscious TORMENT
(Mark 9:47-48; Outer Darkness- Matt 8:12; 22:13; Furnace of Fire-13:42, 50; Different levels of judgment- Heb 10:29; John 19:11; Matt 11:22; Luke 12:47-48)
- B. The description of Hades/Gehenna shows there are no second CHANCES
(Forever- Matt 18:8; 25:41, 46; Rev 14:10-11; 20:10; Mark 9:47-48)

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POINT 3- Understanding the WARNING of Hell.

- A. The warning of judgment is sufficiently found in the SCRIPTURE
(2 Tim 3:15; Jam 1:18; Luke 13:3; Gal 5:19-21; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Eph 5:5-6; Col 3:6)

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“And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Gehenna).” Matt 10:28