

A Review of Hell's Torments to Motivate Holy Living and a Loving Propagation of the Gospel

Hell is a most horrible place, a place to be avoided at all cost. The Book of Revelation calls it a lake of fire. "And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15 NKJV). It was a place prepared for the devil himself. Those not saved by the grace of God will hear these awful words, ". . . Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41 NKJV).

Therefore, let the following descriptions motivate to holy living and a loving propagation of the Gospel. As Paul said, "Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. . ." (2 Corinthians 5:11 NKJV).

The Torments of Hell Will Be to Every Part of Body and Soul.

The frailness of body will writhe in agony. Image the most intense pain ever suffered. Then imagine that pain on every surface, every joint, and throughout every muscle. Remember the man crying out, ". . . Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame" (Luke 16:24 NKJV).

Still this will not compare to the unimaginable torture of soul. The mind will know with perfect accuracy the guilt of rejecting the blessed Savior for all eternity. Scripture will remind the damned of their just condemnation. Their ears will be filled with damnable laments. "And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory." (Revelation 16:9 NKJV)

The Torments of Hell Will Be without End

"And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name" (Revelation 14:11 NKJV). We live within the confines of time. Our days are measured by the clock. Years slip away like sand flows from the hourglass, but in Hell, there will be no passing of time. There will be no hope of relief for time will not matter anymore.

"In those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will desire to die, and death will flee from them" (Revelation 9:6 NKJV). They would not give the Lord His due worship. "Saying, When will the new moon be gone, so that we may do trade in grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may put out in the market the produce of our fields, making the measure small and the price great, and trading falsely with scales

of deceit?" (Amos 8:5 BBE) However, they will spend an eternity wishing they had forsaken their evil ways as they rehearse every curse levied against the Lord and His elect, and every evil deed.

The Torments of Hell Will Be without Intermission

"[The] four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!" (Revelation 4:8 NKJV)

The agony will not only be eternal, but it will also be without rest. Even in the worst situation, a rest would provide some little hope for the suffering. However, there will be no rest for the wicked as they are trodden under the winepress of God's fierce wrath.

The Torments of Hell Will Be Aggravated by Envy

"There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out" (Luke 13:28 NKJV). What a horrific situation for them to see those whom they scorned, those they hated elevated to the position of honor and peace. Then to add to their misery they will hear their own condemnation proclaimed by the same. "Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?" (1 Corinthians 6:2a NKJV)

The Torments of Hell Will Be Endured without Pity

Even in the worst places, there is some comfort in the condolences of others. There will be no such relief for the damned. "The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance; He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked" (Psalms 58:10 NKJV). God says, "I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes" (Proverbs 1:26 NKJV).

The closest relation will not pity the wicked for all that enter heaven will see with perfect wisdom the righteousness of God's wrath inflicted. There will be no tears in heaven. There will be no concern for the damned.

The Torments of Hell Demand the Saints Love Their Enemies

We have seen from the Word a brief description of the torments of hell. These descriptions cannot possibly relate the awfulness of this place. Still it gives us enough to know that it is unloving to ignore the plight of the unregenerate. Not to care that one may find his way into this place of wrath must cause the believer to question his position in Christ.