
Hell – An Eternity of Unbearable Torment

Hell is a real place where people will suffer horribly throughout eternity

Just as Heaven is a real place, so also is hell. God prepared a place of eternal damnation and suffering for Satan and his fallen angels. The Bible refers to this place as hell, Gehenna, Hades, the lake of fire and Sheol. If you do not receive Jesus Christ as your Savior, you will suffer throughout eternity with Satan and his demons in hell. Can you even begin to comprehend how long eternity is? You must not suffer in this horrible place forever and ever.

Jesus said, "depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (*Matthew 25:41 KJV*)

Satan wants you to join him as he suffers in hell throughout eternity

There will never be a release from the torment that the people in hell experience. Satan and his demons know that they will suffer in continual torment throughout eternity. Satan and his demons will do everything they can to deceive you so that you will join them in their eternal suffering. They will try to cloud your mind against the truth of God's word. They want you to think from a worldly perspective. They do not want you to even begin to comprehend the ways of God. You must not allow Satan to deceive you.

"...the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever" (*Revelation 20:10 KJV*)

The inhabitants of hell will suffer eternally in scorching heat.

Hell is excruciatingly hot and extremely unpleasant. The following verse of Scripture describes the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. This verse also is a picture of the eternal torment that awaits those who do not choose to trust Jesus Christ for eternal salvation. God never sends anyone to hell. You send yourself to hell. You need to accept God's gift of eternal salvation so that you will not suffer eternally in this terrible place.

"On the wicked he will reign fiery coals and burning sulfur, a scorching wind will be their lot. (Psalm 11-6 NIV)

The inhabitants of hell will live in darkness throughout eternity.

In heaven, the glory of God illuminates heaven with beautiful light at all times. Hell is the opposite of heaven in every way. Everything in the hell is pitch black except for the reflection of flames. Can you even begin to comprehend the horror of living throughout eternity in total darkness? Think how uncomfortable you are in a pitch black room where you cannot see anything. Can you imagine being in an atmosphere like this throughout eternity?

The Bible describes the inhabitants of hell as people "to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever" (Jude 13 KJV)

People in hell would give anything for just one drink of water

The following passage of scripture explains the horrible anguish that a man suffered in the eternal flames of hell. This man would have given anything for just one sip of water. You must not experience the constant torment of unbearable thirst throughout eternity. How can anyone deny the existence of hell when all of these specific facts are in the Bible? Hell is a real place.

Jesus said, "In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire" (*Luke 16:23–24 NIV*)

The inhabitants of hell will suffer and be tormented forever

These people will not receive any relief from their suffering. You have seen that everyone in heaven enjoys magnificent eternal rest. The inhabitants of hell will never rest. Jesus Christ has paid the price to set you free from this horrible existence. The following verse of Scripture uses the words "for ever and ever" when it refers to the endless torment that people in hell will experience. We pray that you will take these facts seriously so that you will not suffer eternally in hell.

"The smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name" (*Revelation 14: 11 KJV*)

The inhabitants of hell will weep, wail and grind their teeth continually

When Christians die, they go immediately to glory in heaven. When unbelievers die they do not go to hell immediately. They remain in the grave or wherever they died until the day of judgment after Jesus Christ returns. They then will be judged at the great white throne judgment. Angels then will transport all sinners to the fiery furnace where people who have not received eternal salvation through Jesus Christ will suffer throughout eternity. This furnace will be so hot that these people will continually weep and wail and grind their teeth.

Jesus said, "The Son of Man will send forth his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of offense (persons by whom others are drawn into error or sin) and all who do iniquity and act wickedly, and will cast them into the furnace of fire, there will be weeping and wailing and grinding of teeth" (*Matthew 13:41–42 AMP*)

You must understand that God actually sends angels to hell

If you do not believe that human beings will suffer eternally in hell you must understand that God actually will send angels who have sinned against him to hell. This sentencing also will take place at the great white throne judgment after the return of Jesus Christ. Satan once was an archangel in heaven. His demons once were angels in heaven. If God will send angels to hell, you must conclude that it is logical that human beings who have rejected Jesus Christ as their Savior will join these fallen angels and eternal torment in hell.

"...God did not (even) spare angels that sinned, but cast them into hell, delivering them to be kept there in pits of gloom till the judgment and their doom" (*2nd Peter 2:4 AMP*)

What exactly decides who will live eternally in heaven or hell?

Every person whose name is not recorded in the Lambs Book of life will suffer eternally in hell. You must make a decision for your name to be written in the Lambs Book of Life. If you make no decision, you have made the decision to go to hell. If you are not absolutely certain where you will go after you die, you should carefully study scripture pertaining to eternal salvation. Learn and obey these scriptural instructions so that you will live eternally in the glory of heaven instead of suffering through eternity in the lake of fire.

"If anyone's name was not found written in the lambs book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."
(*Revelation: 20:15 NIV*)

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