

Something Greater Than Heaven And Something Worse Than Hell

Revelation 21:4-7

4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

6 And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Revelation 21:10-11, 21

10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

So What Could Be Greater Than Heaven?

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

19 For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?

20 For ye are our glory and joy.

Proverbs 11:30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

Psalms 126:5-6

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.

6 He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Romans 10:15

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Hell

Mark 9:43-44

43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Matthew 22:13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Matthew 23:33-34

33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

34 Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city:

- Hell, in the Greek is: "Gehenna" "SENTENCE OF GEHENNA"
- Deep narrow valley outside Jerusalem: Valley of Hinnon, Josh 15:8

Why Did Jesus Choose The Valley Of Hinnon As The Ultimate Picture Of Hell?

a) Human sacrifices offered to Baal & Molech: 2 Chronicles 28:3; 33:6; 2 Kings 23:10; Jeremiah 7:31; 19:2-6; 32:35

b) Some have speculated it was the garbage dump of Jerusalem at the time of Christ:

(1) Filth, dead animals and bodies of executed criminals

(2) Some suggest that fires were stoked to burn and sanitize

(3) Barnes, "...It was the place where to throw all the dead carcasses and filth of the city; and was frequently the place of executions. The sight was horrible, the air was polluted and to preserve it in any manner of purity, it was necessary to keep fires continually burning there. The Jew's extreme loathsomeness of the place, the filth and putrefaction, the corruption of the atmosphere, and the lurid fires blazing by day and night, made it one of the most appalling symbols with which a Jew was acquainted."

Not A Pretty Place

The experience of hell will affect all of the 5 senses:

- Touch: Pain from burning fire
- Taste: Dry mouth, extreme thirst, blood from gnashing teeth
- Smell: Rotting garbage-Gehenna; rotten eggs-brimstone
- Sight: smoke-fire; corruption-Gehenna or black darkness
- Sound: Moaning, weeping, crying, screaming

What Could Be Worse Than Hell?

Luke 16:19-26

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, 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.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

You're Conscience!

You will be fully aware of who you are and what is happening (in hell).

But most of all you will remember the opportunities God gave you to repent and follow Him!

You will remember messages like the one I am preaching now.

You will remember those that you dragged down with you to hell.

You will remember every time you rebelled against the God and the man of God that was placed in your life.

You will be conscience of heaven and its beauty and those who tried to win you to God!

Thank God you still have time today to change your destination if it is hell.

Thank God for caring enough that He sent a preacher today to let you know there is still hope for your soul.

Thank God that there is still time to follow the plan of salvation.

Thank God you still have one more opportunity to get it right!

2 Peter 3:9 (KJV)

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.