

Hell, Is It Real Or Imaginary?

If you would ask one hundred individuals this question, you would probably get a hundred different answers. Just for a brief moment let us do exactly as the Scriptures admonishes us to do (ISA 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together,..."). The word "Hell" appears 53 times in the King James Version, in the Revised Version it is translated 11 times out of the 53 as "Hades". The Inspired Word also speaks about "Heaven" several hundred times. Most individuals that refer to themselves as Christians believe in Heaven. If we were describing anything else we would use common logic. Say a druggist's manual informs the druggist, that a certain compound used externally will cure a rash on the skin, but is warned, if used internally it would cause death. Now, how many loving parents would ignore the warning on the label and state that it does not apply to their children and administer it to their child? YES, we take the advise of a drug manufacturer who created the drug in our daily lives BUT ignore the "WARNINGS" of The Almighty Creator of man. It is not the Creator's failure to warn but His creation to listen! You see the Bible speaks as clearly about HELL as it does about HEAVEN.

I implore you to read MAT 13:41-42; PSA 9:17; ISA 5:14; MAT 10:28, 5:22,29,30; 2THES 1:7-9; 2PE 2:4; REV 20:1; PSA 55:23. Now, Please consider this, all the expressions, "Hell", "furnace of fire", "lake of fire", "bottomless pit", and "pit of destruction" suggest a PLACE.

My beloved, space does not permit to write all these scriptures but I will list a few that might explain why individuals do not want to believe in "HELL".

MAT 24:51 "and will cut him in two and appoint {him} his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth". LUK 3:17 "His winnowing fan {is} in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." REV 20:10 "And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet {are}. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." We hear men say in matters of faith "it matters not what you believe as long as you are sincere". REV 21:8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which

burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death." I hope when you read this you remember the lesson that Gailen brought to us on "Lying". MAR 16:16 "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. MAT 25:46 "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." MAT 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide {is} the gate and broad {is} the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. "Because narrow {is} the gate and difficult {is} the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." MAR 9:48 "where `their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' MAT 23:15 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves." HEB 10:28-29"Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?" With these scriptures before us we can plainly see that "HELL" is prepared for the lost, it matters not if we lead or follow(MAT 15:14 "Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

There is just one other word we MUST use in conjunction with "HELL" that is "ETERNITY". There is no end to eternity...Hell, is no place to abide in eternity. Beloved the choice is in your hands, obey the Gospel and abide therein and be at peace with God.