

A Place Called Hell

Luke 16:14-17:4

Introduction

- Tom & Jerry
- Russian Hole to Hell
- Abuses of Hell Doctrine
- Gallop poll 60% believe in hell 72% believe in heaven 4% believe their going to hell

Hell is for real because the OT says so

- Sheol/Hades/Gehenna
- Deuteronomy 32:22 A fire is kindled in my anger and shall burn to the lowest hell
- Job 10:21/11:8/26:6
- Psalms 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell (7 more times)
- Proverbs 7 times
- Ecclesiastes 9:10 No Plans in Sheol
- Isaiah 66:24 And they shall go forth and look upon the carcasses of men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.
- Ezekiel 1/32/33 All speak of hell
- The Minor Prophet (Jonah/Amos/Habakkuk)

Hell is real because Jesus and the NT says so:

- Matthew 5:22 Thou fool in danger of hell fire
- Matthew 5:29 If your eye offends the pluck it out
- Matthew 8:12 & 22:13 Weeping and gnashing of teeth
- Matthew 18:8-9 Everlasting fire

- Matthew 23 Scribes, Pharisees, Hypocrites Woe unto you
- Matthew 25:14 Weeping and gnashing of teeth Verse 41 Hell is for the devil and his angels
- James and Peter both mention it
- Paul mentions the wrath to come
- Revelation 20:10 Satan will be cast into the pit of hell
- In order to deny hell, you must deny the entire Bible and the teaching of Jesus Christ.
- Luke 16 Context
 1. 15:1 Pharisees scolded him for fellowshiping with sinners
 2. Parables: Lost Sheep/ Lost Coin/ Prodigal Son
 3. 16:1 Parable of Unjust Steward.
- Verses 14-18 God looks on the hearts
 1. They were angry
 2. He used divorce as an example

Verses 19-21 A Life Lived

1. Rich man with no name
2. Dressed well
3. Ate well
4. Lived a carefree life
5. Lazarus had a name
6. Sick and poor
7. Hungry
8. Sought crumbs
9. Only dogs gave him comfort

Verse 22 A Death Died

1. Angels came and got Lazarus
2. No funeral and burial
3. Rich was buried and had a funeral.

Verses 23-26 A Hell to Endure

1. In hell in torment
2. Knew Abraham
3. Could see into Paradise
4. Knew Lazarus was there
5. 4 times torment is used
6. Torment = extreme pain and anguish, excruciating pain and misery
7. Wanted water – just one drop
8. There are flames there
9. Words to describe hell: Fire/Flame/Smoke/Torment/Pain/Darkness/
Suffering/Consciousness/Regret/Agony/Destruction/Separation/Pain
10. No relief
11. A great gulf fixed between heaven and hell

Verse 27-17:4 A Lesson Learned

1. He cared about lost people in hell
2. Only eternal things matter in hell
3. Go tell my brothers
4. The Old Testament should be enough
5. Go send Lazarus
6. They will not believe even if one rises from the dead
7. Verses 1-4 Do cause people to go to this place

8. Forgive and be about God's business
9. Hell is really hot
10. Eternity is a long time

Conclusion

1. Why do people go to hell? Because they refuse to bow to Jesus Christ (Colin Kapernick)
2. What did you need to be saved from? Sin and Hell
3. The cross was necessary because of a place called hell.
4. If people go to hell may they have to go by us begging them not to turn from Jesus.

Challenge

1. Don't wait another day to accept Jesus
2. Live your lives with a wise urgency
3. "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me."
4. Follow the formula Jesus gave us.