

“The Reality of Hell”

Matt. 25:41-46

Introduction

- I. The belief in Hell has decreased tremendously over the years.
- II. Many have twisted and ignored what God has said about Hell.
- III. Hell is real, and we should be warning others about it.

Discussion

- I. Hell is clearly taught in Scriptures.
 - A. Matt. 10:28; Luke 12:4-5.
 - B. Matt. 25:41-46 (emp. “everlasting”).
 - C. Mark 9:43-48 (“Gehenna”; cf. “valley of Hinnom”).
 - D. Rev. 20:10; 21:8 (“forever and ever”; cf. Rev. 4:9; 22:5).
- II. God's love and man's sin.
 - A. Some think that since God is love, that He would not allow for such a place as Hell (Rom. 11:22; Heb. 10:26-31).
 - B. God does not think as man thinks (Isa. 55:8-9; Psm. 50:21).
 - C. God's justice requires punishment of the wicked (Hab. 1:13; Rom. 2:8-11; 12:19; Eccl. 3:17).
- III. Whether we suffer in Hell, or rejoice in Heaven, will be determined according to the decisions that we make.
 - A. Joshua 24:15 (“choose”).
 - B. 2 Cor. 5:10 (“according to that he hath done”).

Conclusion

- I. We must never allow ourselves to believe that Hell is not real.
- II. While we are often motivated by love for God, there is nothing wrong with wanting to avoid Hell.