

# Hell

## The Ultimate Punishment for Sin

### Matt. 5:22

#### Introduction:

- A. Three words translated "hell" in King James N.T.
  - 1. ***Gehenna*** refers to "everlasting fire" (Matt. 18:8,9)
  - 2. ***Hades*** refers to place of departed spirits. (Luke 16:26; Acts 2:27,31)
  - 3. ***Tartarus*** refers to place where fallen angels confined until judgement (2 Pet. 2:4)
- B. Hell is treated too lightly today.
  - 1. Used mostly as curse word or by-word.
  - 2. Popular preaching all but eliminates it.
- C. Hell is the ultimate punishment for sin
  - 1. For all kinds of sinners (Rev. 21:8)
  - 2. For those who fail to obey the gospel (2 Thess. 1:7-9)
- D. Hell is the only alternative to heaven.
- E. We want to talk about **conditions of the lost** in both "Gehenna - Hell" and "Hades - Hell".

#### Discussion:

##### I. The Lost In Hades (Luke 16:23)

- A. Are ***Conscious***.
- B. Are ***Tormented*** in flame. (vs. 23-25)
- C. Are in ***unchangeable state***. (v. 26)
- D. Are ***concerned about other lost***. (v. 27-31)
- E. Are in ***Hades until final judgment, then Gehenna***. (Rev. 20:13,14)

##### II. The Lost In Gehenna (Mark 9:43-48)

- A. In ***everlasting fire*** prepared for Devil and his angels. (Matt. 25:41)
  - 1. Devil not in hell now. (Rev. 20:10)
  - 2. Heaven prepared for us, hell for Devil - choice is ours.
- B. In ***outer darkness*** where weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matt. 25:30)
- C. In ***lake of fire and brimstone***. (Rev. 21:8)
- D. In a state ***worse than death***. (Matt 10:28; Heb. 10:29)
- E. In the company of the Devil, his angels and the worst of humanity.

#### Conclusion:

- A. It is not necessary to be in such torment.
- B. It is purpose of God in Christ to save us from it.
  - 1. What He has done to keep us from it.
  - 2. What we can do to keep us from it.