

## *Series: Life's Ultimate Questions*

### **Hell: What's It Like and Why Does a Loving God Send People There?**

#### *Various Passages*

#### **Questions About Hell:**

#### **Question #1 – What is hell like?**

**Answer:** There are actually 10 different facts the Bible gives us about hell...

**Fact #1 – Hell was not originally created for \_\_\_\_\_.** (Matthew 25:41)

**Fact #2 – Hell is a place of \_\_\_\_\_.** (Luke 16:19-31)

**Fact #3 – Hell is a place of \_\_\_\_\_ physical, mental, and spiritual torment.** (Luke 16:24, 28)

**Fact #4 – Hell is a place of \_\_\_\_\_ fire.** (Matthew 13:41-42)

**Fact #5 – Hell is a place of \_\_\_\_\_ from God.** (2 Thessalonians 1:9)

**Fact #6 – Hell is a place of \_\_\_\_\_ misery, sorrow, anger, and frustration.** (Matthew 13:42)

**Fact #7 – Hell is a place of unsatisfied, raging \_\_\_\_\_.** (Luke 16:24)

**Fact #8 – Hell is the only other \_\_\_\_\_ besides heaven.** (Luke 16:22-23)

**Fact #9 – Hell is a place where the \_\_\_\_\_ don't want others to come.** (Luke 16:27-28)

**Fact #10 – Hell is \_\_\_\_\_.** (Romans 6:23a)

#### **Question #2 – Are there different parts of the underworld?**

**Answer:** The New Testament reveals that the underworld is divided into at least \_\_\_\_\_ parts.

**Part #1 – The \_\_\_\_\_ or bottomless pit.** (Luke 8:31; Revelation 9:1, 2, 11; 11:7; 17:8; 20:1, 3.)

The abyss is a place where a specific group of demons is presently confined, and will be released for a period of five months during the Tribulation (Revelation 9:1-5). It is also the place where Satan will be bound temporarily for 1,000 years during the millennial kingdom (Revelation 20:1-3).

**Part #2 – \_\_\_\_\_.** (2 Peter 2:4-8)

Tartarus is a permanent place of confinement for a particular group of angels who sinned in the days of Noah. Genesis 6 talks of their gross sexual sin for which they are being held permanently in Tartarus until they are cast into the lake of fire at the Great White Throne Judgment.

**Part #3 – \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 11:23; 16:18; Luke 10:15; 16:23; Acts 2:7, 31; 1 Corinthians 15:55; Revelation 1:18; 6:8; 20:13-14)**

Hades is like the county jail where inmates await their trial date, final sentence, and transfer to the penitentiary or prison where they will serve their time.

**Part #4 – \_\_\_\_\_ . (Matthew 5:22; 29-30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5; James 3:6)**

The word "gehenna" comes from the Valley of Hinnom that was just west of the city of Jerusalem. This valley was used in the days of wicked King Ahaz as a place to offer child sacrifices to the god of Molech (2 Kings 16:2-3). Later, during the reign of the good king Josiah, he condemned the city by making it the city dump. It was filled with refuse, worms, maggots, and continuous smoldering fires. This is the imagery behind Jesus' use of this word. Gehenna is also referred to as "the lake of fire and brimstone" (Revelation 20:10), "the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:14), and "the second death" (Revelation 20:6, 14). It's the place where are the inhabitants of the abyss, tartarus, and hades will ultimately be cast.

**Question #3 – How can a loving God send people to hell?**

**Answer: He doesn't, we \_\_\_\_\_ our way there. (Romans 6:23)**

Due to the fact that God is perfectly holy and just He has to punish sin. One sin earns us a ticket to hell because an infinite and just God has to punish our infinite sin against Him infinitely.

But God is also infinitely loving and gracious so He provided a perfect substitute for us. Instead of punishing us for our sin God the Father poured out the full measure of His wrath on Jesus as He hung on the cross (Hebrews 2:9). Jesus forever satisfied the wrath, justice, and holiness of God. At the cross God's infinite justice and infinite love met.

### **Unpacking and Applying the Message:**

Knowing that hell is eternal torment that was designed for Satan and his angels and that God doesn't want people to go there it leads us to some very practical and logical next steps...

- 1. Strategically target 3 people you will be praying for this week that are currently headed for hell, asking for strength and wisdom to share the Gospel.**
- 2. Share the Gospel with confidence knowing that this is God's will for you and God's desire that they be saved.**
- 3. Have a plan for follow up such as meeting with them in the very near future and leaving them with something to read and pray about (i.e.: One Minute After You Die by Erwin Lutzer, The Case for Faith by Lee Strobel, Two Roads tract etc.)**