

VISIONS OF HEAVEN AND HELL BY JOHN BUNYAN

John Bunyan's Vision and Visit to Hell – Fifth Encounter Christian Ministers in Hell April 19th, 2020

In today's Illustrated Message, we read the conversation that Mr. Bunyan had with an impudent fiend tormenting Christian Ministers in Hell, so please read page 16 of the PDF above of John Bunyan's, "Vision of Heaven and Visit to Hell", with the title; **The Fifth Encounter – Christian Ministers in Hell.**

Who would have ever thought that a Christian Minister would be in hell? Bunyan saw a multitude of Christian Ministers, who were cursing each other, God and the devil.

The tormenting demon says; *"They are those that very well deserve it. These are those cursed wretches that would teach others the right road to heaven, while yet themselves were so in love with hell that they came hither. These are those souls that have been the great factors of hell upon the earth, and therefore do deserve a particular regard in hell. These Christian ministers that are in hell are those who preached to others the word of God, yet they themselves were not doers of it."*

How can you be a Christian Minister and be in love with sin while preaching the road to heaven? How can a Christian Minister not be a doer of the Word they preach? Apparently, it happens.

James 1:22-25 says; *"22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."*

When you see a Christian Minister, he ought to be working out the Word he's preaching, being an example to the flock.

The tormenting demon continues; *"We use our utmost diligence to give every one their utmost share of torments, but will be sure to take care that these shall not lack punishment; for these have not only their own sins to answer for, but also those whom they have led astray both by their doctrine and example." They were also in Hell for being teachers of false doctrine."*

The Apostle Paul says in **2 Corinthians 11:13-15**; *"13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works."*

The devil transforms himself into Apostles of light, or preachers, teachers etc. He's a liar, manipulator and deceiver. There has to be the fruit of the Spirit in the lives of Christian Ministers, if not, they may not be the real deal and there's a pretty good chance that they're false teachers and apostles.

Jesus says in **Matthew 7:15-20**; *"15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? 17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them."*

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By the fruit and works in the lives of those in the pulpits, you'll know if they're true Apostles, Evangelists, Preachers, Teachers, Pastors etc. As Christians it is our right to be fruit inspectors of those who teach the Bible, and we should be able to clearly see the fruit of their teaching being lived out in their personal lives.

2 Peter 2:1-3 says; *"2 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. 3 By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction [a]does not slumber."*

Again, how can a Christian Minister be in hell, this scripture exposes the truth and unless there is true repentance, hell is the eternal destination of ministers like this.

The Apostle John warns of anti-Christ deceivers in **2 John 7-11**; *"For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that [a]we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward. 9 Whoever [b]transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; 11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds."*

It would seem unfriendly or legalistic not to greet someone who says they're a brother or sister in Christ or have them in your house, even if they are practicing false doctrine. But John knew that only a little leaven, false doctrine, would work its way right through the house, contaminating it all. You can see clearly how strict it is not even to greet false teachers, for in doing so you share in their evil deeds.

We only have to go back to the beginning in the book Genesis where the devil twisted what God had told Eve not to do. The devil is doing the same thing with ministers in the pulpits today by getting them to compromise by greeting and welcoming false teachers into their midst.

The tormenting demon continues; *"Gratitude is a virtue, but we hate all virtue and profess an immortal enmity against it. Beside, we hate all mankind, and were it in our power, not one of them would be happy. It is true we do not tell them so upon earth, because there it is our business to flatter and delude them. But when we have them here where they are fast enough (for from hell there is no redemption), we soon convince them of their folly in believing us."*

The Apostle Peter says this in **1 Peter 5:8**; *"8 Be [a]sober, be [b]vigilant; [c]because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."*

The Apostle Paul says in **Ephesians 6:12**; *"12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of [a]the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."*

Guard yourself against pride to think that this could never happen to you. It could because it's the devil's job to get you to backslide. Just a little leaven by comprising on God's Word, getting you off the straight and narrow road, and embracing doctrines of demons and false ministers will lead you to eternal destruction.

2 Corinthians 4:1-4 says; *"4 Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. 2 But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor [a]handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."*

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You ask again; how is it possible for a Christian minister to go to hell? It's not because they weren't a Christian but the god of this world, satan, blinded their minds through doctrines of demons. The demons don't care that you wear the name of Christian, because he's got you in hell while you're alive on earth and when you die, their torments to you will be indescribable. This false doctrine then that is being preached by the devil will try to seduce and blind others to lead them down the same road of destruction.

Look and listen to those around you. What is coming out of their mouths and hearts? Do some fruit inspection, see how they're living.

The plan satan has for all of mankind is to keep them out of heaven and populate hell, and what greater way than by getting them to follow and teach false doctrine.

The story continues; *"it is a work well worthy of the blessed Son of God to save His people from their sins, and to deliver them from the wrath to come. But it is an unaccountable folly and madness in men to refuse the offers of His grace, and to close in with the destroyer."*

This is why it's so important to not even greet false teachers, because in doing so, you share in their evil deeds. There is no middle ground when it comes to false teachers. You can't listen to their Biblically sound doctrine that is taught when on the other hand they are teaching false doctrine. There is duality in their doctrine. The sound doctrine is corrupted by unsound doctrine. You see that is the deception of the devil. The false is mixed in with the true and in so doing, it corrupts the sum. It doesn't matter how much they dispute that you are brothers and sisters in Christ, because the false is neutralizing and disqualifying the true.

If you're not clear and honest with people believing, following and teaching false doctrines, they'll be the ones turning you over to the anti-Christ system, because they've already turned themselves over to false doctrine. They have one foot in hell while still alive on earth. That's also a reason why you see such a lack of victory in people who live under these lies.

If it's serious enough for God to send them to hell for eternity for teaching false doctrine, why would you even consider sharing in their evil deeds?

Genesis 3:1-6 talks about the fall of mankind; *"3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'' 2 The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' 4 'You will not certainly die,' the serpent said to the woman. 5 'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it."*

The same crafty devil is doing the same today by getting Christians to listen to false teachers, and the once sound doctrines that they believed in, are replaced with false teaching, and in the end lead them on a road that separates them from God for eternity in hell. How often does the devil make people question the validity of His Word? How often does he lie and say, 'did God really say'? That's exactly where false doctrines come from.

Jesus says in **Matthew 7:21-23**; *"21 'Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"*

False doctrine is lawlessness. You don't want these words spoken to you on judgement day, and you don't want to spend an eternity in hell tormented by the same demon that deceived you while alive with false teaching.

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If you believe in false doctrines, the same demon that seduced and lied to you on earth to believe in those lies, will be the same one tormenting you in eternity for believing that lie!

This is a warning today to those Christian Ministers who are preaching to others the Word of God but they themselves aren't doing it, and those who are teaching false doctrines, getting others to believe false doctrines. So long as the doctrine and reality of hell is removed from the pulpit, Christians will not have the truth. They'll not have the conviction that those who follow false teaching and not do as they preach, will spend eternity in hell. You must warn brothers and sisters in Christ of the reality of hell.

Please watch this Jack Chick animated video called '[Somebody Goofed](#)'.