

Judgment Begins in GOD's House

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For the time is come for judgment to begin at the house of God: and if it begin first at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God? (1 Pet. 4:17) ASV

Oh Samuel, God is Love, He Would Never Judge His Highest Creation

The scriptures say God is Love, and God is Good, that means He would Never Judge His Creation especially into a Horrible Hell! I Don't know what Bible you've been reading, but that couldn't be further from the TRUTH! God is Holy, Righteous and Just. Sin cannot enter His Kingdom (Heaven). God is HOLY, HOLY, HOLY and sin cannot exist in His presence. The Church (in general) seems to have lost it's Reverence and Holy Respect for God. They no longer fear the Name of Jesus. For those that don't Reverence the name of Name of Jesus, God the Father has created a special place for them called Hell. They will join satan there and all those that rebelled against God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit): Most people just want to hear a motivational message that makes them feel good in Church and then go home without any foundational instruction on what it means to be a Christian. Let's all love each other and sing "Kumbaya" and forget scripture.

If Heaven is Real then Hell Must Also be Real

You can't pick and choose what scriptures you like and which you don't like. Some so called Christian organizations claim that Hell is Not Literal, and others proclaim that Hell is Not Eternal they believe that after physical death you just cease to exist (Annihilation). Friend, you will exist forever in Heaven or Hell!

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

(2 Tim. 3:16,17):

So, What Do the Scriptures say about HELL? (Old and New Testaments)

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

(Psalm. 9:17)

Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering. (Job 26:6)

For great is thy mercy toward me: **and thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.** (Psa. 86:13)

For the lips of an adulteress drip honey And smoother than oil is her speech; But in the end she is bitter as wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged sword. Her feet ago down to death, Her steps take hold of Sheol. She does not ponder the path of life; Her ways are unstable, she does not know it. (Prov. 5:3-6)

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Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. (Is. 5:14)

Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. (Is. 14:9)

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. (Is. 14:15)

Because you have said, “We have made a covenant with death, And with Sheol we have made a pact. The overwhelming scourge will not reach us when it passes by, For we have made falsehood our refuge and we have concealed ourselves with deception.” (Is. 28:15-17) NASB

If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matt. 5:29,30 & 10:28) ESV

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? (Matt. 23:15,33)

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. (Luke 16:23)

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves. Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; and in their greed they will exploit you with false words; their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep. For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day by their lawless deeds), then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment, and especially those who indulge the flesh in its corrupt desires and despise authority. Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord. But these, like unreasoning animals, born as creatures of instinct to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge, will in the destruction of those creatures also be destroyed, suffering wrong as the wages of doing wrong. They count it a pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are stains and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, as they carouse with you, having eyes full of adultery that never cease from sin, enticing unstable souls, having a heart trained in greed, accursed children; forsaking the right way, they have gone astray, having followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; but he received a rebuke for his own transgression, for a mute donkey, speaking with a voice of a man, restrained the madness of the prophet. These are springs without water and mists driven by a storm, for whom the black darkness has been reserved. (2 Pet. 2:1-17) NASB

Is God Unloving for Sending People to HELL? (Thank you Bill Wiese)

God is not sending anyone to Hell! All of us are already on the road to Hell automatically (Matt. 7:13,14; John 3:17,18). God's reason for sending His Son to Earth was to get us off that road (John 6:40; 12:47). Most don't understand that everyone is already on the road to Hell (Matt. 18:3; 19:14). This is because we are all born in sin and are already condemned (Adams Sin). Your not a sinner because you sin, you sin because you are a sinner! YOU WERE BORN IN SIN! What people don't understand is that Jesus came to rescue us off the road to Hell (The CROSS)! God Crucified (Sacrificed) His only Son to pay for our sins and rescue us off the road to Hell. Before Jesus we were ALL on the road to Hell!

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

(Psa. 51:5) NASB

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: (Rom. 3:10)

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. (Rom. 3:23)

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Rom. 6:23)

If Jesus hadn't come to die in our place, we would All End Up in Hell! God cannot let sinful man into Heaven, because; 1). God is Holy and sin cannot exist in His presence; and 2). - we would corrupt or defile Heaven just as we have the Earth.

(Rev. 21:27)

Some still think God is mean for allowing so many to suffer in this place of torment. But this is the same God who suffered an excruciating death on the Cross to keep us out of Hell! The bottom line is, God does not send people to Hell. People wind up in Hell because they refuse to turn to Him for the forgiveness of sin and the love provided them through the shed blood of His Son (Jesus). God is Not Mean, He is JUST! If someone murdered your family, wouldn't you want JUSTICE!

Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

(John 5:39,40)

Most people never read the Bible nor understand what it declares in regard to the entrance qualifications for Heaven. We simply believe whatever we feel.

Or even worse, we believe that all roads lead to Heaven. This loose, sloppy approach to the way of entrance to His Kingdom is simply Ignorance. The percentage of those who will die is 100%! Yet, many don't take death and the after life seriously! Everyone in Hell knows they belong there and why. We have all been given the same choice!

Does Seventy Years of Sin Deserve an Eternity of Punishment?

*You have the wrong premise. Eternity is not based in time but on Relationship! Say we served two hundred years of punishment, at the end of that two hundred years we would still be sinners. It is not possible to pay off our sins with time. To pay it off so to speak would be like saying, "God, I paid the price, I did my time, and I am now justified to stand in Your Presence." Man left to himself will always be sinful and can never be justified on his own. We are saved by His Grace through Faith and **Not by Time** (Eph. 2:8,9): A Leopard cannot change it's spots, neither will an evil heart change into Righteousness! With time they will Rebel. Unless you are changed (regenerated) by the Holy Spirit you will always remain a sinner.*

For all of us have become like one who is unclean, And all our righteous deeds are like a filthy garment; And all of us wither like a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on Your name, Who arouses himself to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us And have delivered us into the power of our iniquities. (Is. 64:6,7) NASB

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. (John 3:19-21)

In Hell, none will be able to Truthfully say they are justified by their own ethical systems, for they will acknowledge they have violated even their own minimal standards. All people will then concur with God's pronouncement of their guilt. The worst thing a person can do, is to refuse, mock and dishonor, and not to love the person we owe absolutely everything too, which is our Creator, God Himself.

To think that a person could go through their whole life constantly ignoring Him, constantly mocking Him by the way they choose to live, saying, “I couldn’t care less about Jesus, or what He came to do. Frankly, the only punishment worthy of that is the ultimate punishment, which is everlasting separation from God.

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (Heb. 10:29-31)

Is the Fire in Hell Real or Metaphorical?

Rev. 9:2 - States that there arose a great smoke out of the pit, and the sun and the air were darkened because of the smoke from the pit. How could a metaphorical fire produce real smoke. It would take a literal burning fire to produce the smoke that darkened the sky, not an allegorical or metaphorical fire. When the rich man who had been sent to Hell said he wanted a drop of water to cool his tongue, “he said it was because he was tormented in this flame.” (Luke 16:24): If you take the Word of God literally, then it is easy to arrive at an interpretation of literal fire. There are many metaphors and allegories in God’s Word, but they are obvious when being used. Whenever the Bible writers used allegories or parables or other symbolic stories, they always either said so or else made it evident in the context. The words of a given text should be taken literally unless indicated otherwise. Jesus mentioned Hell in **46** verses, and **18** of those verses were regarding the fires of Hell. The Word he uses for Hell in **11** other instances is **Gehenna**. Gehenna was the city dump that burned continually. The unclaimed dead bodies were thrown into the fire, and the wild dogs and maggots ate the flesh. The smell was extremely putrid and foul. Jesus was painting a graphic picture of what Hell is like.

Fire resides in his tent; burning sulfur is scattered over his dwelling. His roots dry up below and his branches wither above. The memory of him perishes from the earth; he has no name in the land. He is driven from light into darkness and is banished from the world. (Job 18:15-18) NIV

Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. (Psa. 11:6)

Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them. (Psa. 21:9)

Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again. (Psa. 140:10)

And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever. (Is. 34:9,10)

For, **behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.** But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts. (Mal. 4:1-3)

So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Jesus saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. (Matt. 13:49-51)

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

(John 15:6)

All Who Reject Him are Annihilated (stop existing) or Left to Suffer Eternally?
*If God had plans to annihilate sinful mankind, then why did He come down and die for us? What did He save us from? **No**, we are not annihilated, as He made us in His image (Gen. 1:26): We will exist forever like God will exist forever.*

*The important question is; “Where will you spend Eternity?” Annihilationism is the belief that those who die apart from saving Faith in Jesus Christ will ultimately cease to exist. Thus, annihilationists reject the Biblical view of endless punishment. God tells us; “yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged (Rom. 3:4). ***So Yes you will live forever and ever!****

The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. (Rev. 14:10,11)

Notice - “In His Presence; so man must exist forever!

Notice - “Their torment ascends forever!

Notice - “No rest day and night that means they exist!

Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. (Eccl. 12:7)

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. (Rev. 20:13-15)

Notice - it says, Death and Hell delivered up the dead to be judged by their works!

If you ceased to exist how could you possibly be delivered up to get judged?

You would obviously still have to exist.

The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.
(Psa. 18:5)

Notice - What sorrows would there be if you didn't exist?

He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light.
(Psa. 49:19)

Notice - one must exist in order not to see light!

But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that her guests are in the depths of hell. (Prov. 9:18)

Notice - how does one have guests if they don't exist?

And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

(Is. 24:22)

Notice - how could you be shut up in prison if you don't exist?

For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. (Is. 38:18)

Notice - you would not need hope if you didn't exist!

And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the 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. (Is. 66:24)

Notice - how can they be an abhorrence if they are nonexistent?

And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. (Dan. 12:2)

Notice - the word Everlasting!

Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. (Mark 9:44)

Notice - how do you have worms if you don't exist?

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (Rev. 21:8)

Notice - why would it say "their part" if you are nonexistent?

Annihilationism is the most serious error one could commit because it leads unrepentant sinners to underestimate their fate. Wouldn't the ungodly be more inclined to seek Jesus if they realized they were truly headed for eternal damnation and punishment? Understanding that Hell is eternal gives us a much more greater appreciation of Jesus and what He saved us from.

The Two Great Judgments (*Great White Throne & the Judgment Seat of Christ*)

The Judgment Seat of Christ (*rewards of the saints*)
(2 Cor. 5:10) and (1 Cor. 3:11-15)

The Great White Throne (*to officially condemn the wicked in a courtroom*)
(Rev. 20:11-15). and (Rev. 20:10)

Hell is Dark because God is Light. (1 John 1:5)

Hell is Death because God is Life. (John 1:4)

Hell is Hatred because God is Love. (1 John 4:16)

Hell has No Mercy because God's Mercy is in Heaven. (Psa. 36:5)

Hell is weakness because God gives you Strength. (Psa. 18:32)

Hell has No Water because Water is the Rain of Heaven. (Deut. 11:11)

Hell has No Peace because Christ is the Prince of Peace. (Is. 9:6)

Hell is Vulgarly Loud because God is in the Quiet Peaceful Places. (Is. 32:18)