

What in the Hell?!? - Sermon Notes July 21, 2024

Sermon: Highway to Hell

Scriptures: Mark 9:42-50; Luke 16:19-31

Focus Verses:

And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out. It's better to enter the Kingdom of God with only one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, "where the maggots never die, and the fire never goes out." Mark 9:47-48 NLT

In Hades, where he was being tormented...he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." Luke 16:23-24 GNT

Biblical Words for "Hell"

Original Word	Usually Translated	What it describes
Sheol <i>(Hebrew)</i>	Pit; grave; death; place of the dead; hell Or, not translated (NIV, NRSV, <i>et al</i>)	Hebrew underworld The place for both righteous and unrighteous dead.
Hades <i>(Greek)</i>	Pit; grave; death; place of the dead; hell Or, not translated (NIV, NRSV, <i>et al</i>)	Greek underworld The place for both righteous and unrighteous dead. Punishment for wicked.
Tartaros <i>(Greek)</i>	Hell; dark cave, abyss; lowest level of underworld Or, not translated (HCSB, LEB, JUB, NABRE)	The lower realm of Hades. A dark cave-like prison; chains, torment
Gehenna <i>(Greek transliteration of Hebrew Ge-Hinnom)</i>	Hell Or, not translated (NABRE, NCB, NTFE, WEB)	The valley of Hinnom, known for child sacrifice and human waste fire pit. A place of punishment for the unrighteous/wicked.

Thoughts to Ponder:

Which word or words best capture your idea of "Hell" and why?

Why do you think some Bible versions choose not to translate the original Greek or Hebrew words?