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Hell: Three Definitions

- **Sheol or hades: place for souls of the dead**
- **Tartarus: prison for fallen angels in II Peter 2:4.**
- **Gehenna, or lake of fire: eternal destiny of the unrighteous**
- **Pit: equivalent to sheol in OT; also place for fallen angels and Satan in Revelation 9:1-11; 20:1-3**

- Would a God of love send anyone to Hell?

The Logic of Hell.

- God's Love for Jesus.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God

[The Holy Bible: King James Version, Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version Systems, Inc., 2009\), Jn 3:16–18.](#)

Gods Love for Jesus.

- **35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. 36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.**

Gods Punishment Of the Devil And His Angels.

- Isaiah 24:21 And it shall come to pass in that day,
 - That the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high,
 - And the kings of the earth upon the earth.
- Jeremiah 10:11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, even they shall perish from the earth, and from under these heavens.

Conclusion

- If we do not Love the Lord we will suffer the punishment of wicked spirits.

- **Isaiah 5:14** 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.**
- **15** And the mean man shall be brought down,
- **And the mighty man shall be humbled,**
- **And the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:**
- **16** But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment,
- **And †God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.**

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Is There Salvation outside of Jesus.

- **18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**

- The Holy Bible: King James Version, Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version. (Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 2009), Mt 28:18.

The Valley Of Hinnom

- Old Testament: place of idolatry and burnt human sacrifice, Jeremiah 19:2-6
- New Testament: garbage dump; place of vermin and continual fire
- Jesus used as a metaphor for eternal judgment: “in danger of hell fire [gehenna],” Matthew 5:22

Gehenna, or Lake of Fire

“And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched” (Mark 9:42-44). (See verses 45-48.)

Destiny of the Wicked

- “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels” (Matthew 25:41).
- Beast and false prophet: “These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone” (Revelation 19:20).

Eternal Punishment

- “Worm dieth not ... fire is not quenched”
- “Everlasting fire”
- “Everlasting punishment” contrasted with “life eternal,” Matthew 25:46; same word for “everlasting” and “eternal” in Greek
- “Tormented day and night forever and ever”
- Soul sleep and annihilation: attractive theories but not a basis for hope

Differences of Punishment

“And that servant, which knew his lord’s will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more” (Luke 12:47-48).

Conclusion

“But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God ...” (II Peter 3:10-12, NKJV).

Conclusion

“... because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless” (II Peter 3:12-14, NKJV).