

Is Hell Real and Necessary?

Is Hell Real?

The Scriptures / Jesus affirm the reality of Hell

- Eternal Jude 7, 13; Rev. 14:9-11
- Punitive Matt. 8:12, 13:40-42; 23:32; 2 Pet. 2:4, 9; Rev. 20:13-15; 21:8
- A Place of Fire Matt. 25:41; Jude 7
- A Place of Darkness Jude 6, 13
- Made for Satan and Demons Matt. 25:41
- O.T. Sheol Num. 16:33; Job 24:19; Ps. 9:17
- N.T. Hades Matt. 11:23

Is Hell Necessary? (Rom. 11:22)

1. Justice demands that the punishment fit the crime. Hell is the measurement of the crime of treason against the King of Glory.

“We think Hell is severe because we don’t think trampling on the glory of God is that big of a deal [because] we think the big deal in the universe is us” (J.D. Greear)

The magnitude of the offence of rejecting and rebelling against the Majestic, Righteous, Almighty, Glorious, God renders the sentence of Hell barely enough.

God uses the entrenched rebellion of the rebel heart to put the severity of his perfect holiness (wrath) on display for all eternity (Ex. 9:15, 16; 14:4; Rom. 9:22-23) .

Calvary demonstrates the value of God’s glory and the extent to which God would go to vindicate his glory .

Hell is not only a “permanent monument” to the absolute greatness and glory of God but an eternal deterrent toward a rebellion ever occurring again in eternity.

The cross is God’s radical, extreme act to keep humanity out of Hell.

We don’t appreciate our salvation enough because we don’t really appreciate what we have been rescued from – this salvation is a very breathtaking rescue!

2. Our eternal choice is about God – not Heaven or Hell

- Those who treasure God get his forever presence and eternal joys that God reserves for his loyal and loving subjects (L u k e 16:31)

- Those who wish to be independent of God experience the full measure of that for eternity – Hell

- Not surprisingly, even Hell does not change their longing to remain apart from God.

- A Rich man who could be any man (Luke 16:19-31)

- Hell is the experience of the complete withdrawal of God (2 Thes. 1:8- 9) .

- Common blessings go unnoticed and without gratitude until God completely withdraws (Rom. 1:18 , 21) .

- Hell is both the punishment and the preference of the rebellious (Rom. 2:8) .

- Hell is irreversible and permanent (16:26) .

- Hell will be populated by those who knew religion (Abraham) and noticed good things they could have done (Lazarus) (16:24) .

-Hell will not be a place of repentance because to reject experiencing God's glory in this life will entrench itself in the life to come – people who don't want God in this life, don't want him ever.

-People are not saved by the fear of Hell but by an awakening to the great value of God (1 6:30-31) .

-God is looking to fill his eternal place with people who listen to his Word (love Him) and from obedience, serve those in need (love neighbours) (16:20-21, 31) .

Anything but the most severe consequence makes the high treason of wishing God dead to you completely unjust – Hell has to be real and horrible.

Hell demonstrates the mercy of God in Christ to those who receive his love to be unbelievably and indescribably gracious – that God hates sin to that degree and yet gave his life to rescue people from a just sentence is incomprehensible love!

Those who treasure God get him forever.

Those who have no regard for God, lose him forever and that seems to be quite alright with them.

Is Hell real? *It has to be or God's glory is meaningless.*

The most critical question – Is God real to you and do you love him?

That is how destiny is forever determined.