



What Will Hell Be Like?



**THE MEANING OF “HELL” IN
THE NEW TESTAMENT**



A Confusing Term?

- Etymology - “Old English hel, helle, ‘nether world, abode of the dead, the infernal regions,’ from Proto-Germanic *haljo ‘the underworld...one who covers up or hides something’” (*Online Etymology Dictionary*)
- KJV causes confusion with its use of “hell” to translate Gk. word “Hades” – Matt. 16:18



Hell - Gehenna

- Modern translations and the KJV translate this word as “hell.”
- Derived from “valley of Hennon” SE of Jerusalem
- Valley was notorious for evil – 2 Chron. 28:3; 2 Kings 23:10
- Place for dumping and burning filth and dead bodies of animals and criminals
- Its association with evil caused it to become a symbol of the wicked and their destruction.



CHARACTERISTICS OF HELL



A Place of Separation From God's Goodness

- This separation will be complete after Judgment – Matt. 25:41-45
- Hell will be eternal destruction away from God's presence – 2 Thess. 1:7-9
- Despite evil on earth, hell will have no good, only pure evil – Acts 17:26-28; Matt. 5:45



A Place Of Darkness

- Hell is “outer darkness” – Matt. 25:30
- Hell is the “blackness of darkness” – Jude 13; 2 Pet. 2:17
- No light from God’s influence, truth, and holiness will be there – 1 Jn. 1:5
- No hope and all fear and loathing explains “gnashing of teeth” – Matt. 25:30



A Place of Fiery Torment

- Hell is an everlasting fire for the wicked – Mt. 25:41; 18:8
- In this fiery torment for the wicked, “their worm does not die” – Mk. 9:43-44
- Fire is the most intense pain - Mt. 13:41-42; Rev. 21:8
- Punishment last forever – Mt. 25:41, 46; Rev. 14:9-11; 2:10



A Place Filled With The Vilest Of People

- Hell will house the most wicked – Gal. 5:19-21
- This is not to say that “only” the vilest will be there!
 - Those who do not obey the gospel will be there – 2 Thess. 1:8
 - Those who live in sin will be there – 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Rev. 21:8
 - Worldly “goodness” is not enough – Heb. 11:6



Conclusion

- Hell is real! Hell will be terrifying!
- Those who consider it will not want to go there.
- So many live as though hell does not exist.
- God offers you the gift of salvation with Him for eternity.
- The choice of heaven or hell is yours!