

Lesson 12: Hell

Introduction

We Christians realize that the most important parts of our lives are those that make an impact for eternity. The study of God and his relations to, purposes for, and work within the created universe- Matters! Welcome to our Link Group where we focus on biblical small groups grounded in the teachings of the bible. Our goal is to ground biblical believers and to develop disciples that make disciplines!

2 Peter 2:4 teaches that sinful angels are kept in chains of darkness awaiting judgment.

The Bible clearly teaches the reality of hell and eternal judgment.

Many New Testament passages warn about the doom of the impenitent.

Main Content

DEFINITION – WHAT IS HELL?

Hell is banishment from God's presence – 2 Thessalonians 1:9.

Hell is a place of torment – Luke 16:23.

Scripture describes hell as 'down' (Isaiah 14:9; Ezekiel 32:27; Numbers 16:30-33).

Biblical terms: Sheol, Hades, Gehenna (translated as hell, pit, grave).

II. THE ORIGIN OF HELL

Prepared for the devil and his angels – Matthew 25:41.

Men go there only by rejecting Christ.

III. THE DIMENSIONS OF HELL

Isaiah 5:14; Proverbs 27:20 – Hell has enlarged itself.

IV. DESCRIPTION OF HELL

Place of punishment – Matthew 25:46.

Place of torment – Luke 16:23.

Place of fire – Matthew 13:42; Revelation 20:15.

Place of worms – Mark 9:44-48.

Those in hell retain recognition, desire, and awareness (Luke 16).

V. DURATION OF HELL

Hell is eternal – Matthew 25:46.

VI. OBJECTIONS TO THIS DOCTRINE

God is loving and just.

Sin's wage is death – Romans 6:23.

Degrees of punishment differ.

No repentance after death – Luke 16:24-27.

Eternal means everlasting.

Hell is both a place and a state.

Punishment requires consciousness.

No probation after death – Hebrews 9:27.

VII. DEGREES OF PUNISHMENT IN HELL

Deuteronomy 32:22.

Matthew 10:15; Luke 10:12.

Conclusion

People go to hell by neglecting salvation – Hebrews 2:3.

Hell is avoided by receiving Jesus – Proverbs 15:24.

Link Questions

Why do people still reject Christ despite knowing about hell?

Are there family members who need to hear the gospel? Pray for them.