

## THE SHEPHERDS OF ISRAEL - HELL

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### REVIEW:

In our last issue we discussed the facts that Jesus Christ and all of His disciples preached and believed in hell; that hell will be cast into a worse condition called the “Lake of Fire;” that the people in hell are conscious and able to feel and reason; that it was not prepared of God for men, but for Satan and his angels; that because darkness and light cannot live together, then evil spirits of darkness cannot be taken into heaven by God and that hell in an extreme sense is really the mercy of God: If these creatures cannot live in light, then it would be nothing but horrible torment to bring them into such radiant area of light as we understand heaven to be.

### IF THE FIRES OF HELL WILL NOT PURIFY – WHY BURN?

Questions like this are often asked by enquiring and some brilliant minds have given answers that are less than satisfying to those who desire truth. Truth only comes from the Word of God and the Mind of Christ and cannot be conjured up by logic or reason.

The answer to this question is found in many scriptures, but we will use one here to illustrate the truth:

*Colossians 1:17 “For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: and He is before all things, and by Him all things CONSIST.”*

The key word in this passage is CONSIST. In the Greek, which is the original language in which Paul wrote, the word is, “sunesteken” which means to uphold or sustain. Our physical bodies are sustained by food from the earth, and Jesus says we could live by “*every word that proceedeth out of the*

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*mouth of God.*" The next question which arises is, Does God sustain Satan and his hosts? Yes! By proxy: Let us read Genesis 3:14 -

*Gen. 3:14 "And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and DUST shalt thou eat all the days of thy life."*

*Gen. 3:19 "-----for DUST thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."*

There was a declaration of war between humanity and Satan. We would bruise his head and he would bruise our heel. However the first battle went against us, and having won, Satan took the spoils of war which was our dominion over all things in this realm and more than all the power to wield this authority.

The answer to the question therefore is, that without our authority and power from God, the evil adversary would be stripped of power. EVEN GREATER THAN THIS WITHOUT HUMANITY SUBMITTING TO HIM, SATAN WOULD BE WITHOUT FOOD, (of energy) he would have no "dust" to eat. Satan is like a vampire who lives on the blood of humanity, and when he is cut off from this source, will be in total torment, which is called the Lake of Fire. Outside of the presence of God there is fire and torment.

### WILL HELL BURN FOR A WHILE AND THEN PURIFY IT'S VICTIMS?

Those who are in hell have committed the Unpardonable sin. They cannot repent mainly because they do not want to. They will never repent because it is the Spirit of God that creates repentance in any of His beings, and they have rejected the Spirit of God:

*Jude 6 "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, He hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."*

*Hebrews 6:4 "For it is IMPOSSIBLE for those who were once enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, and have tasted the good Word of God, and the powers of the world to come, if they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance."*

If angels could not be saved when they were holy and righteous, how can we expect them to be saved now that their very natures are changed to be creatures of darkness? If men cannot be saved when Jesus himself stands at the crossroads to prevent them going to hell, how do we expect them to be saved after they have gone to hell? **THESE ARE THE MAIN REASONS WHY HELL MUST BE ETERNAL.** If the creature has locked himself into a condition of eternal sinfulness, then hell must be eternal. Once this condition of sin is contained, then Righteousness will never again allow sin to rule the earth. Those who

reject Christ and want sin, must be forever excluded from the comforting presence of God. This is what we call **HELL**.

### WHAT IS THE BASIS FOR BELIEF IN A PART TIME HELL?

Let us examine the Word of God and deal with this error once and for all. The proponents of the theory that the fire of hell is a purifying fire, base their theory on the word “aenion” which they interpret to mean “for a time” and not “everlasting” as stated in the King James version. We will examine two words:

1. Aionios - eternal
2. Aidios - everlasting

1. The word “aionios” literally means “unto the age”, and negates the end either of unmeasured time or a space of time and is used generally where something is spoken of in the future. This word is always translated eternal. The following are examples which will permit you to judge for yourself:

*Mark 3:28 “Verily I say unto you all sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemers whithersoever they shall blaspheme:*

*3:29 “But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of **ETERNAL DAMNATION**. (aionion amartematos).*

The very context of the passage plus the meaning of blaspheme against the Holy Ghost – the unpardonable sin – makes the word “aionion” to mean eternal.

*Luke 1:55 “As He spake to our fathers to Abraham and to his seed forever.” (“aiona”)*

This is part of the utterance of Mary the mother of Jesus when she met Elizabeth. We know that God’s promise to Abraham was not for a time, but it was an everlasting covenant to him and his seed. Even the worst skeptic will see that this word refers to eternity here.

Let us look at another example in John 4:13-14:

*4:13 “Jesus answered and said unto her whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again:”*

*4:14 “But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” (“aiona”)*

Surely God is not going to give me life for a time. I thank God my salvation is an everlasting salvation, and the life that he gives is an everlasting life.

*John 6:51 and 58 speaks of the living manna coming down from heaven, and he who eats it will live forever. (“aiona”)*

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*I Peter 5:11 “To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever Amen.”*  
 (“aionas ton aionon”)

THE WORD “AIONIOS” IS SOMETIMES USED TO SPEAK OF PAST EVENTS, IN WHICH USAGE IT DOES NOT MEAN “EVERLASTING”.

*Romans 16:25 “-----according to the revelation of the mystery which was kept secret since the world began.”* (“aioniois”) = (times past)

Verse 26 speaks of the (“aionion Theo”) the Eternal God.

2. Aidios - Everlasting, from “aei = ever”.

Examples: Romans 1:20 – eternal “aidios power of God”.

### WHERE IS HELL?

*Isaiah 14:9 “Hell from beneath thee to meet thee at thy coming. It stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.”*

*Verse 15 “Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.”*

There are many references to Hell as the lower regions, but only carnal thinking could place the prison house of spirits in physical surroundings. Since we are spiritual we must conclude then, that hell is a spiritual dimension.

This brings us to a very baffling prospect. In Jude 6 we read that the “*angels which kept not their first estate were chained in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*” BUT these same angels and this same devil is our adversary, and we wrestle with him and his hosts every day.

Wait a minute – where then is hell? If you are thinking what I am thinking then you are right: HELL IS PARALLEL WITH OUR WORLD. We were plucked out of the fire, and we are walking in a realm that has doors opened into hell. The news is not all bad, because there are also DOORS OPENED TO HEAVEN.

### BUT WHAT OF THE CHAINS OF DARKNESS?

Devils and demons do not have free course in our realm. They only have power in the realms of darkness. When we walk in the Light they have no power over us.

## CAN A TRUE CHRISTIAN FALL FROM HIS FAITH AND GO TO HELL?

Let me give you a few scriptures which will clearly answer the question. The promises of salvation are eternal and God will never withdraw or cast out anyone, BUT they do not prevent man from rejecting Him and casting him out of his abiding place in us.

*John 3:19 "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."*

*Hebrews 2:2-3 "For if the word spoken by angels were steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; HOW SHALL WE ESCAPE, if we neglect so great salvation;?"*

*Hebrews 10:26-29 "For if we SIN WILLFULLY AFTER THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,*

*10:27 "But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."*

*10:28 "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:"*

*10:29 "Of how much sorcer punishment, suppose ye shall be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of god, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, WHEREWITH HE WAS SANCTIFIED, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?"*

After reading these scriptures, it is not possible that anyone who is hearing from the Spirit of God, could still believe that once a person is saved he cannot be lost again. We must admit that it is not the regular everyday situation, but today many CHRISTIANS ARE COURTING DESTRUCTION AND ETERNAL DAMNATION because they believe that once they are saved they will always be saved.

## SUMMARY:

1. Spirits that are in hell exist in a temporary realm where they can still torment humanity and feed upon humanity and ease their own torment.
2. Death and hell will be cast into the Lake of Fire at the Coming of Jesus Christ – This will be the second death and it will be worse than anything we can conceive.
3. Hell is not the grave, or that would mean that all people would go to hell who died and are buried.
4. Hell is a state of being as mentioned in Matthew 12:43-45:

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*Matt. 12:43 "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest and findeth none."*

*12:44 "Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come he findeth it empty, swept and garnished."*

*12:45 "Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation."*

This is the most classic picture of hell in the Bible, given to us by Jesus Christ himself. It speaks of a region of darkness, where intelligent spirit beings rove like beasts of the jungle, seeking to devour human beings as their prey. This is a macabre picture, but nevertheless true. The Dracula story which is so widely shown on the screens are almost accurate, but the world and Satan tries to make fun of it to deceive.

The Apostle Peter adds to this in I Peter 5:8:

*I Pet. 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a ROARING LION, walketh about seeking WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR."*

In our day and time, many stars (sons of God) are falling. Do not attach your wagon to a falling star – you also will fall. Revelation 8:10-11 speaks of a great star falling and making the waters bitter and many died of drinking it. Again we need to look at it spiritually since the Bible is spiritually discerned. A great man of God will fall upon the Word of God and make it bitter and destroy many. If we have eyes to discern this we will see it happening in our time right now.

IN FORTY YEARS IN THE CHURCH I HAVE SEEN MANY MEN, FIRST DISTRACTED FROM THE MINISTRY WHICH GOD HAS GIVEN THEM, THEN FALL INTO MUCH ERROR – I HAVE SEEN PROPHETS WHO PREFER TO TEACH BECAUSE IT IS MORE LUCRATIVE, AND I HAVE SEEN MEN HOOKED IN A GROOVE, SO THAT NO MATTER WHAT MESSAGE GOD GIVES THEM THEY HAVE TO TURN IT TO A FINANCIAL ONE – BUT I SAY TO YOU MY READER IT IS A PERILOUS TIME, DO NOT FOLLOW THEM AND MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE.

MAY THE LORD RICHLY BLESS YOU AND YOURS IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.

