

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: Doctrine of Hell_7 – Application part Two – Extra-Biblical Revelation

Not only in the world but in the church today, Hell is big business. Now when I say “Hell” I do not mean conferences where the doctrinal study of Hell from the Word of God is emphasized. Where passages are expounded with reference to the original languages. Where extensive Bible study, meditation and Scripture memory is involved. Where the attendees come, having done hours of study in preparation to being taken deep into the Word of God. In fact, the state of the church is such that, in reading the above, your response is most likely “and what planet do you come from?”. No, when I say Hell is big business I mean the books written by false teachers and apostles, who falsely claim to have died and gone to Hell and come back. I mean the meetings or revivals where false prophets, apostles and teachers claim to have had visions or experiences, whereby they have actual firsthand accounts of Hell. I mean those false prophets, teachers and apostles, who in direct disobedience to the Word of God and God the Holy Spirit speak to demons, listen to what they have to say about Demonology and Hell and then teach these doctrines of demons to an eager church, who would rather have its ears tickled by that which is expressly forbidden, than to go deep into the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God. No, in the church today there is no money to be made teaching the Bible but there is a lot of money to be made by those who falsely claim to have died and gone to Hell and returned, who have the so-called ministry of deliverance and, in rebellion to God, pass on the doctrines of demons, who have false and deceiving revelatory experiences concerning Hell or who, in disobedience to the Word of God teach stories, legends and false accounts with the same authority as if taken from the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God. Pastors who know better are lured by full meetings and overflowing offering plates. Book sellers who know better are lured by increased sales. Christians who know better are lured to their televisions, conferences and so-called deliverance ministries out of a curiosity to know that which God the Holy Spirit in His infinite wisdom has chosen to withhold. Yes’ there is big business in the false teachings of Hell.

In this series of Daily Quiet Times Alone With God, we will meditate on where we can learn about Hell (and by default Heaven, Angels, Demons, etc., etc.) and where we are forbidden to go for knowledge. God the Holy Spirit clearly teaches us in 2 Peter 1:6 that, to our quest of knowledge we are to add self-control: **“and in your knowledge self-control...”** It was a thirst for forbidden knowledge that man came to be lured by satan to sin. In Genesis 3:5, satan tempts Eve by saying, **“For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”** We live in an age where satan continually tempts Christians to know that which is forbidden. In the 21st Century, knowledge is everything – sophistication, power, intelligence, even the quality of human life itself is defined by the ability to know. If it can be known, then man has a right to know it. Man will decide for himself if it is useful or not but no one should shield, protect or deny man the right to know that which can be known. This is not true. In God’s value system, He clearly teaches us that, although it is possible to know gossip and slander, that this knowledge is forbidden to man. That even though it is possible to know pornography, that this knowledge is forbidden to man. This also includes extra-Biblical revelation. As it is possible to know gossip, as it is possible to know slander, as it is possible to know pornography, so it is possible to know certain spiritual things which are either false or forbidden. We will therefore meditate upon both what and where we may learn of the spiritual and in addition what is forbidden knowledge. As of this writing, there are four primary areas of forbidden knowledge, each for its own reason. The meditations, though, will also protect you and make you aware of future delusions and false ministries which may arise. These are...

After Death Experiences – this comes under false knowledge. No one goes to Hell and comes back

Statements of Demons – this comes under forbidden knowledge. We are forbidden by God the Holy Spirit to speak with, learn from or pass on knowledge from demons to others.

Revelatory Experiences – this comes under the delusion of knowledge given by deluding spirits.

Stories, Legends and Accounts – this comes under the heading of false knowledge. We do not have the authority nor the right to teach stories, legends and second hand-accounts as if they had the same authority as the Word of God.

It is the author’s hope that, as a result of the meditations which follow, you will become bold in denouncing these false teachings and will join with me in calling men back to the sole revelation of Hell and all that is spiritual, through and only through the holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word of God.

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Deuteronomy 29:29; Deuteronomy 30:11 – 14

Where are we to go for information on all spiritual matters, including Hell?

What should I be mindful of when studying Hell? What sources are forbidden, bogus or suspect?

When it comes to books, messages, testimonies, TV, internet or Revivals, how will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Hebrews 9:27; Job 7:7 -10; 14:3 – 6, 11. 12

How does this passage challenge the validity of “after death experiences” when it comes to our knowledge of Hell?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Luke 16:19 -26 (:26) : Isaiah 26:14

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I John 4:1; Revelation 22:18 & 19: I Corinthians 4:6

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I Timothy 4:1 & 2

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: John 8:44; II Chronicles 18:21 & 22;

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: II Corinthians 11:13 – 15; Galatians 1:8; Revelations 22:18 & 19; Proverbs 30:5&6

How does this passage challenge the validity of revelatory experiences outside the Bible and our knowledge of Hell?

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Ezekiel 13:9; 21:29; I Corinthians 1:6; Deuteronomy 4:2;

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Titus 2:1 & 7; II Timothy 3:16 & 17

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Revelations 22:18 & 19; Ephesians 4:14; II Timothy 4:3 & 4; Titus 1:13 & 14;

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PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: I Corinthians 4:6; I Timothy 1:3 – 6; 4:7; II Peter 1:16

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1. Make a personal commitment to both limit and subject all spiritual knowledge to that which God the Holy Spirit has chosen to reveal through His holy, eternal, inerrant, written Word – the Bible. Repent of the sin of Adam and Eve to know that which God has forbidden.
2. Go through your library and glean out all books that contain extra-Biblical revelation. By extra-Biblical Revelation I mean all books that contain information about Heaven, Hell, Jesus, the Apostles, Demons or Angels not found in the Bible. If the statement cannot be cross-referenced then it is extra-Biblical. This includes those who falsely claim to have died and gone to Heaven or Hell and come back to tell what it was like. This also includes those who have talked to or seen demons or angels. This includes those who have falsely claimed to have seen or talked to Jesus. This also includes those who have falsely claimed to have seen or talked to a dead person. Whether a CD, DVD, Tape or Book, glean them out and throw them away.
3. Decide now that when any of the above occur while listening to the Radio, watching TV, on a website, in church or in a meeting that you will close it, turn it off, shut it down or walk away.
4. Satan has so contrived the playing field and defined the discussion that no Christian can speak up on this area without appearing to be rigid and without faith, or ignorant or insensitive. Reject this unlevel playing field as devised and defined by Satan. Anyone who speaks openly about an experience, book or topic that entails extra-Biblical Revelation concerning Hell or any spiritual subject has done so publically. You have a right and responsibility to speak up. You do not have to sit by idly while others slander or gossip about your pastor, your pastor's wife or staff in the church. You do not have to sit by idly while others discuss the latest movie they went to see which contains pornographic images and you do not have to idly sit by while others discuss false teachings and revelations concerning Hell. Begin to speak up. Begin to exert your right to speak the truth in love with the same openness that the deceived and deceivers speak falsehoods.
5. If you want to read and glean from the studies of others on this topic, stick to Biblical studies and not the fantasies, delusions and lies of the so called "deliverance ministries". I would suggest the following books
Angeles Elect and Evil, C. Fred Dickason
Systematic Theology, Berkhoff Pages 728 - 738
Systematic Theology, Lewis Sperry Chafer - Volume 4 pages 427 – 433
Your Adversary the Devil, J. Dwight Pentecost
Basic Christian Doctrines, (A compilation of authors Edited by Carl F. Henry) pages 63 – 75 and 283-296
War On The Saints, Jessie Penn-Lewis and Evan Roberts
A Survey of Bible Doctrine, Charles Caldwell Ryrie pages 89 – 99 and 159 - 184