

Heaven & Hell

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Tonight we are going to take a closer look at Heaven and Hell. Let's make a list of all the terms that the Bible uses for Heaven or Hell or some aspect of them. (the terms separated by a "/" refer to the same thing).

Heaven

Paradise / Abraham's Bosom
3rd Heaven
Millennial Kingdom
New Jerusalem

Hell

Hades / Sheol
Lake of Fire / 2nd Death
Abyss / Bottomless Pit

However, these terms are not referring to exactly the same thing. As a result we need to clarify the meaning of these terms or we will get confused and can misinterpret some key verses of the Bible.

Heaven

A term indicating where the throne of God the Father is. The term "Heaven" is like the term "Air Force One". Is there a specific airplane with the name "Air Force One" painted on the side? No. Air Force One is not the name of a specific airplane. It is the name of any USAF airplane that the president of the United States is on. As soon as the president steps onto a plane, that plane instantly becomes "Air Force One". The same is true for Heaven. Wherever God the Father dwells that place is called Heaven.

Isaiah 66:1-2

"Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? ²"For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

(Psalm 11:4-7)

The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD'S throne is in heaven; His eyes behold, His eyelids test the sons of men. ⁵ The LORD tests the righteous and the wicked, And the one who loves violence His soul hates. ⁶ Upon the wicked He will rain snares; Fire and brimstone and burning wind will be the portion of their cup. ⁷ For the LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; The upright will behold His face.

(Psalm 103:19)

The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all.

(Matthew 5:34-35)

But I say to you, make no oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet, or by Jerusalem, for it is THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING.

(Matthew 23:20-22)

Therefore, whoever swears by the altar, swears *both* by the altar and by everything on it.

²¹ **And whoever swears by the temple, swears *both* by the temple and by Him who dwells within it.**

²² **And whoever swears by heaven, swears *both* by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it.**

The term "3rd Heaven" is just another way of saying "Heaven" (the 1st Heaven is the Earth's atmosphere, the 2nd Heaven is space or the universe, and the 3rd Heaven is Heaven the throne of God).

Paradise / Abraham's Bosom

Today, when a person dies with faith in Christ their spirit goes to Paradise to live with God while awaiting judgment. Their body remains in the grave. Right now the spirit of all those who have died in Christ, including the Old Testament believers, are in Paradise with God. Paradise will exist until after the second coming of Christ. Another name for Paradise for believers with a Jewish background is Abraham's Bosom. During the current Church Age and during the Tribulation, Paradise is synonymous with Heaven.

Luke 23:42-43

And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"⁴³ And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

(II Corinthians 12:2-4)

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven.³ And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.

(Revelation 2:1-7)

"To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: ²'I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who call themselves apostles, and they are not, and you found them *to be false*; ³and you have perseverance and have endured for My name's sake, and have not grown weary. ⁴But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent. ⁶Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will grant to eat of the tree of life which is in the Paradise of God.'

Millennial Kingdom

At the end of the Tribulation, believers who have previously died will receive their resurrected bodies and will come to physically live on Earth with Christ for 1,000 years. This will occur after the seven year Tribulation but before the creation of the New Heaven, the New Earth, and the New Jerusalem. During this time the Earth will also have people on it who survived the Tribulation and who have not died or been resurrected yet. The Millennial Kingdom will end after 1,000 years following a final rebellion led by Satan.

Revelation 20:1-9

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold of the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; ³and he threw him into the abyss, and shut *it* and sealed *it* over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time. ⁴Then I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. ⁵The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were completed. This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. ⁷When the thousand years are completed, Satan will be released from his prison, ⁸and will come out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together for the war; the number of them is like the sand of the seashore. ⁹And they came up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, and fire came down from heaven and devoured them.

This passage also mentions the Abyss and the 2nd Death which we will talk about a little later.

On a side note when I was younger I read this verse about believers being beheaded and I thought that it was strange. At the time the only beheading I could imagine was using the Guillotine which was invented as a humane way to kill someone while inflicting minimal pain. That seemed out of character for Satan. Today, watching the news and the ISIS beheadings of journalists, we now know how the beheadings will be done.

Jeremiah 3:17

At that time they will call Jerusalem ‘The Throne of the LORD,’ and all the nations will be gathered to it, to Jerusalem, for the name of the LORD; nor will they walk anymore after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

So, we will live on the Earth in our resurrected bodies with Jesus physically ruling the world from Jerusalem. This will last for 1,000 years, so it is temporary. It’s a long time but it’s not eternal.

New Heaven / New Earth / New Jerusalem

In the future God will destroy the physical universe and create a new one for us to live in with Him. The same is true for Earth. This will happen after the completion of the Millennial Kingdom.

Revelation 21:1-2

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

New Jerusalem: A physical city that will be created in the future in the new universe (New Heaven) where Christians and Old Testament believers will live in their resurrected bodies. In the future, God will dwell with men in the New Jerusalem. The Bible seems to indicate that the New Heaven, New Earth, and New Jerusalem will be eternal.

For a detailed study of this topic see, “The New Jerusalem – An Engineering Feasibility Study” at: <http://gciweb.org/2011/04/youth-bible-study-materials-michael-r-daily/>

Hell

Hell is a general term that can refer to different places. As Heaven indicates the place where God dwells, Hell indicates a place, other than this life, where God does not dwell. Depending on how it is used the word “Hell” can refer to Hades/Sheol, the Abyss/Bottomless Pit, or the Lake of Fire/2nd Death. Whenever a Bible translation uses the word “hell” it is important to understand which Hebrew or Greek word was originally used since they represent different places.

Hades/Sheol

Depending on the context of how it is used, these terms are sometimes used to indicate “the grave” especially in the Old Testament. Otherwise, Hades is the place of the dead who do not have faith in Christ. Today, when a person dies without Christ their spirit goes to Hades to await judgment. Their body remains in the grave. It is a temporary waiting place where God does not dwell. Hades is the Greek word used in the New Testament and Sheol is the Hebrew word used in the Old Testament but they mean the same thing. Hades is for people only. Angels do not inhabit it.

Although most Bible translations today retain the words “Hades” and “Sheol” there are some that translate these words as “hell” (such as the King James Version). God destroys Hades at the final judgment so it is not eternal in nature, it is temporary (**Revelation 20:14**). Although its use in the Bible is most often neutral in nature, **Luke 16** (the story of the rich man and Lazarus) makes it clear that Hades is not a good place.

Luke 16:19-24

“Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day.²⁰ And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,²¹ and longing to be fed with the *crumbs* which were falling from the rich man’s table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.²² Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham’s bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.²³ In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.²⁴ And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’

Even though the rich man experienced agony in the flames of Hades, this place is not the same as the Lake of Fire. There is a difference in intensity. You can think of the agony of Hades as the minimum level of torment for non-Christians as they await resurrection and final judgment which will occur after the Millennial Kingdom. We know this would have to be the minimum level of suffering because it occurs before each person is judged.

Abyss / Bottomless Pit (Tartarus)

Have you ever heard your pastor say, “satan can only do what God gives him permission to do”? Have you ever wondered why? After all, satan and his angels rebelled against God before. Why wouldn’t they rebel against Him again? What’s changed?

The reason fallen angels stay within the boundaries God has given them (most of the time) is because of a special prison God created for fallen angels that violate His rules for their behavior on Earth. The original rebellion in Heaven resulted in satan and the angels that followed him being thrown to Earth (Revelation 12:9). However, if these fallen angels on Earth don’t stay within the boundaries of behavior God has set for them here, what happens? In the arena of spiritual warfare these fallen angels essentially become “war criminals”. If an angel violates the boundaries of behaviors that God has set up, that angel is immediately removed from Earth and placed in this special prison called “The Abyss”. It is a temporary prison of chains and darkness where war criminal fallen angels cannot move and they cannot see. The Abyss is also referred to as the “Bottomless Pit” (Revelation 9) and is translated as “hell” in II Peter 2:4. Demons are terrified of the Abyss.

Luke 8:28-31

Seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, “What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me.”²⁹ For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and yet he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.³⁰ And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him.³¹ They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.

The first recorded use of The Abyss was during the days of Noah when some of satan’s angels created the Nephilim problem. The angels that created the Nephilim problem during the days of Noah were removed from the Earth and placed in the Abyss. This action deters the remaining fallen angels (who live on Earth) from crossing God’s boundaries for what they are allowed to do. The Abyss is only used for fallen angels who have achieved “war criminal” status in spiritual warfare. It is not used for people at all or for fallen angels that stay within the boundaries God has set for their behavior on the Earth.

Genesis 6:1-4

Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,² that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.³ Then the LORD said, “My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he also is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”⁴ The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *children* to them. Those were the mighty men who *were* of old, men of renown.

This passage refers to a time before the Flood when fallen angels had sexual relations with human women and created a race of half human, half demonic people called the Nephilim. This race of people was 9 to 12 feet tall and very evil. Most importantly these demons were attempting to corrupt all of the bloodlines of mankind so that the plan of salvation would be thwarted. If all human women were part demonic the Savior could never be born and no one would be able to go to heaven. This is why God sent the Flood of Noah's time.

For a detailed study of this topic see, "Why Isn't Life Like a Horror Movie?" at:
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Jude 1:6-7

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day, ⁷ just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

This passage makes reference to fallen angels who violated God's boundaries and went after strange flesh and committed gross immorality (like Sodom and Gomorrah). These angels have been made an example for other fallen angels to stay within God's boundaries by placing them in a prison of darkness and chains to be held until Judgment Day. At the Judgment they will be removed from the Abyss, judged, then thrown into the Lake of Fire for eternity. Most demons would rather have a few thousand years of freedom on the Earth before their judgment so they stay within God's boundaries so they won't be immediately sent to the Abyss.

2 Peter 2:4-5

For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell (tartarus - abyss) and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment; ⁵ and did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

2 Peter 2:4 is the only place in the Bible where the word "tartarus" is used and is translated "hell", which means this place is different from Hades/Sheol or the Lake of Fire. It is referring to the Abyss and not the Lake of Fire.

"Tartarus" comes from Greek mythology. In ancient Greek mythology, Tartarus is the deep abyss that is used as a dungeon of torment and suffering for the wicked and as the prison for the Titans. In Greek mythology, the Titans were members of the second order of divine beings, descending from the primordial gods and preceding the Olympian gods. The Titans were giant deities of incredible strength, who ruled during the legendary Golden Age, and also comprised the first pantheon of Greek gods and goddesses. By using this word Peter is not implying a belief in Greek mythology. He is just using the Greek word that is closest to describing the actual Abyss – a prison of darkness and chains for supernatural beings.

Note: If the word "hell" in this verse is misunderstood to be the Lake of Fire it would mean that satan and all of his fallen angels would now be in the Lake of Fire instead of being on planet Earth, which would be in conflict with other parts of the Bible. This is why it is critical to look at the original languages whenever the word "hell" is used.

Revelation 9:1-6

Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. ² He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit. ³ Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power. ⁴ They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵ And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man. ⁶ And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.

During the Tribulation, the Abyss will be opened and the war criminals will be let out for 5 months to torment people. Their torment will be so severe people will try to kill themselves to escape but they won't be able to. Other references to the Abyss can be found in Revelation chapters 9, 11, 17, and 20.

Lake of Fire / 2nd Death (Gehenna)

The Greek word translated as "hell" in most of the New Testament is "gehenna" and is the Lake of Fire. Another name for the Lake of Fire is the 2nd Death (**Revelation 20:14**). This is the final and eternal dwelling place of those who died without faith in Christ. After the Millennial Kingdom, nonbelievers spirits will be released from Hades and will be united with their resurrected bodies. They will then be judged by God and thrown body and soul into the Lake of Fire for eternity. The judgment will determine the level of intensity of each person's punishment in the Lake of Fire. The intensity can vary from the minimum of that experienced in Hades to a maximum of God's full strength (**Revelation 14:9-11**).

Jesus spoke often about the Lake of Fire.

Matthew 10:28

Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (gehenna – lake of fire).

All of the fallen angels (from the Earth and from the Abyss) will be judged and thrown into the Lake of Fire as well for eternity.

(Matthew 25:41)

"Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

Gehenna is named after a place outside ancient Jerusalem known as the Valley of the Son of Hinnom. The Canaanites and some Jewish people would go there to burn their children alive in sacrifice to Molech.

(Jeremiah 7:31)

They have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, and it did not come into My mind.

Revelation 19:19-20

And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. ²⁰ And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

Brimstone: Burning Sulfur. When burned, sulfur melts to a blood-red liquid, emits a blue flame, and creates sulfur dioxide gas, notable for its peculiar suffocating odor.

Revelation 20:10-15

And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. ¹¹ Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one *of them* according to their deeds. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. ¹⁵ And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

After its all over, the Millennial Kingdom has ended, satan's final rebellion has been destroyed, and every person and angel has been judged, there are only two places left that continue into eternity - The Lake of Fire and the New Jerusalem.

"Oh but Mr. Daily, the Bible doesn't really talk about hell. Yes, there are verses but the linguistic nuances and the subtleties of language are such that its easy to misinterpret these verses. But if you interpret them correctly you will find that the Bible doesn't really support the idea of hell!"

Luke 16 describes the minimum level of suffering in the Lake of Fire (using Hades as the reference).

Revelation 14 describes the maximum level of suffering God appoints to certain people in the Lake of Fire. God's judgment of each non-Christian's life determines the level of intensity of their eternal punishment between these two extremes. Let's analyze what **Revelation 14** says.

Revelation 14:9-11

Then another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,¹⁰ he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb.¹¹ And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Who will be tormenting the people in the Lake of Fire? God (verse 10).

How much of God's strength is He going to use in doing this? Full Strength – 100% (verse 10)

How strong is God? Infinitely strong. The full fury of an infinite God is going to come down on these people.

Fortunately, its only for a short time. Is that right? No. Its forever and ever (verse 11).

So, the full fury of an infinite God is going to come down on these people for trillions and trillions of years.

But at least they get breaks, right? No. There is no rest day or night. It is 24/7/365 with no breaks and continues forever (verse 11).

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus the rich man in Hades is in agony in the flames but he is able to hold a conversation with Abraham.

But in the Lake of Fire the intensity level is much much higher.

No one is going to be talking in the Lake of Fire.

Additional Verses on Hell

Deuteronomy 4:24

For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

Matthew 3:11-12

“As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

Matthew 8:28-29

When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, two men who were demon-possessed met Him as they were coming out of the tombs. *They were* so extremely violent that no one could pass by that way. ²⁹ And they cried out, saying, “What business do we have with each other, Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?”

Matthew 10:28

Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (gehenna – lake of fire).

Matthew 13:37-42, 49-50

And He said, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, 38 and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. 40 So just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, 42 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

49 So it will be at the end of the age; the angels will come forth and take out the wicked from among the righteous, 50 and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:49-50

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Matthew 18:8-9

“If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be cast into the eternal fire. 9 If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than to have two eyes and be cast into the fiery hell.

Matthew 25:41-46

“Then He will also say to those on His left, ‘Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; 43 I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.’ 44 Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’ 45 Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ 46 These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Mark 9:42-48

“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe to stumble, it would be better for him if, with a heavy millstone hung around his neck, he had been cast into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than, having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, 44 [where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.] 45 If your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame, than, having your two feet, to be cast into hell, 46 [where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.] 47 If your eye causes you to stumble, throw it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than, having two eyes, to be cast into hell, 48 where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.

Luke 3:15-17

Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he was the Christ, 16 John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

John 3:36

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

Romans 2:5-8

But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS: ⁷ to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; ⁸ but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.

Romans 5:8-10

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

II Thessalonians 1:6-10

For after all it is only just for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to give relief to you who are afflicted and to us as well when the Lord Jesus will be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire, ⁸ dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, ¹⁰ when He comes to be glorified in His saints on that day, and to be marveled at among all who have believed—for our testimony to you was believed.

Hebrews 10:27-31

but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries. ²⁸ Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." ³¹ It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Hebrews 12:29

for our God is a consuming fire.

Revelation 21:8

But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Jude 1:13, 21-23

wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever.

²¹ keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. ²² And have mercy on some, who are doubting; ²³ save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Heaven & Hell*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Isaiah 66:1-2, Psalm 11:4-7*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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: *Psalm 103:19, Matthew 5:34-35, Matthew 23:20-22*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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: *Luke 23:42-43, II Corinthians 12:2-4*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Heaven & Hell*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 2:1-7*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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: *Revelation 20:1-9*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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: *Jeremiah 3:17, Revelation 21:1-2*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Heaven & Hell*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Luke 16:19-24*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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: *Luke 8:28-31*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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: *Genesis 6:1-4, Jude 1:6-7, II Peter 2:4-5*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Heaven & Hell*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 9:1-6*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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: *Matthew 10:28, Matthew 25:41*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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: *Jeremiah 7:31*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

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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?

QUIET TIMES ALONE WITH GOD

JEREMIAH 15:16

THEME: *Heaven & Hell*

PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: *Revelation 19:19-20*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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: *Revelation 20:10-15*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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: *Revelation 14:9-11*

How does this passage relate to the theme?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

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?