

HOLY HELL

A LOOK AT WHAT'S "WRONG" WITH HELL

*"for thou only art holy:
for all nations shall come and worship before thee;
for thy judgments are made manifest."*

~ Revelation 15:4

1. What's Wrong with Hell

- a. Hell is real. The picture painted of it is not (It makes God a sadistic psychopath)
- b. Hell is the thing Christians feel they need to apologize to 'more loving' people for.
- c. It appears wrong b/c 'It is unfair/unjust/unrighteous/cruel and unusual punishment'
 - i. *Why?* 1) no one deserves it, 2) arbitrary/inequitable, 3) length of time
- d. "Is God unrighteous who takes vengeance?... God forbid" - Romans 3:5-6

2. Hell is Holy

- a. The Bible says judgment of the wicked is holy. Hell is holy because God is holy.
- b. Condemning the innocent is not love/right, neither is justifying the wicked - Prov 17:15
- c. Damnation of the wicked is right in this world and the next - Rom 3:6-8, Deu 32:4-5
- d. Hell is not God's problem. There are none righteous in hell. - Gen 18:25, Rom 3:10, 23
- e. Righteous anger and holy hatred from God are true - Mark 3:5, 'I hate' Amos 5:21
- f. Unsaved culture/conscience accepts judgment in holy hell in the violent avenger trope - Batman, Marvel, John Wick, Jack Reacher, Liam Neeson, Equalizer.
- g. Holy Jesus spoke more about hell/judgment than any (b/c he's the Judge) - John 5:22
- h. Holy is the Lord who judges - Rev 6:10, 15:3-7, 18:20, Hallelujah! 19:1-7 (Ps 104:35)
- i. Holy angels know God's wrath and torment is right and holy -Rev 14:10, 16:5-7
- j. Outside the 'holy city' is a holy hell that nations witness - Isa 66:12-16, 23-24

3. The Holy Judge of Hell

- a. *Do men choose to go to hell?* Yes, by 1) choosing sin 2) rejecting terms of salvation
- b. *Does the Lord send men to hell?* Yes, because he is the righteous Judge. 2 Tim 4:8
 - i. Not arbitrarily condemning men to hell. It is a righteous judgment. Acts 17:31
- c. God has revealed how he will judge the lost (without faith - 2 Cor 4:4, Rom 4:5)
- d. Not for standing (dead in hell), but a day of reckoning guilt/reward - Rev 20:11-13
- e. Based on heart, word, and deed of individuals - Heb 4:12, Matt 12:37, Rom 2:6-7
- f. How much was treasured up - Rom 2:4-5, Rev 18:6-7
 - i. The fool says, 'I'm going to hell, so I'll keep sinning.' (Repent! Be saved!)
- g. How much did you offend/affect others with sin - Mt 18:5, 23:12, Mk 9:38
 - i. A righteous judgment on this standard for the saved, too - Ro 14:13, 1Cor 8:12
 - ii. A final judgment determines the full effect of your sin on others (father of lies)
- h. How much spurned privilege/responsibility - Ro 2:12, Lk 12:47-48, Jam 3:1, Matt 23:14
 - i. 'more tolerable' sorer' greater damnation' - Mt 10:15, 11:21-24, 23:14, Heb 10:29
- i. Hell is a righteous judgment of God, not without equity - Rom 2:2, 13:2-4

4. Holy Fire and Torment

- a. Punishment in hell is seen as repulsive (rightly so) - darkness, worms, fire, torment,
 - i. Worms are shame, fire burns, darkness is void of light, torment pains.
 - ii. Inflicting pain in hell is administering justice, not wicked torture of innocents.
- b. Hellfire torments due to the state of souls, not the delight of God - Eze 18:32, 33:11
 - i. The grave consumes those that have sinned - Job 24:19
 - ii. In hell there is no light within you: darkness - Mt 6:23, Jn 3:19, 8:12, 12:35,46
 - iii. In hell punishment is without pleasure - Matt 8:29, Rev 14:10
 - iv. In hell torment burns from within: remorse, guilt, anguish. - Rom 2:9
 - v. Weeping and gnashing of teeth occurs with loss, frustration, regret - Matt 8:12
 - vi. We taste hell in this life to the same small degree we taste heaven (blind light)
 - vii. Misery/fire in hell is created by man's resistance to the goodness of God: sin.
 - viii. Without God = without hope, joy, pleasure, peace, comfort, life, strength, grace
- c. People choose hell instead of submitting to God in salvation.
 - i. Hell is giving men what they want - They want left alone, they don't want God.
 - ii. Reprobates enjoy provoking anger of religious people / the wrath of God
 - 1. They think it justifies their hatred of God by exposing the thing he hates
 - iii. Sinners pursue what they love, even if it hurts them, even unto death.
 - iv. The real insane (in sin) sadistic psychopaths choose hell over God.

5. A Holy Calling to Be Saved

- a. God is not willing that any should perish - 2 Peter 3:9
- b. God is holy, his judgment in hell is holy. God can save ungodly men by faith - Rom 4:5
- c. From before the world began God purposed to call men to be saved by Him. 2 Tim 1:9
- d. Hell is getting what you justly deserve. God offers grace through faith in Christ Jesus.
- e. No one in a right mind wants to go there. No one in a right heart wants others to.