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"Hell" Are You Sure It's OK?

I was witnessing to a man once and after hearing the clear presentation of the Gospel he said "Oh well I will probably go to hell then". He had come to the conclusion that hell was real, but he would willingly go rather than serve the Lord!

This is the calloused misguided view people have of hell, "how bad can it be they ask"?

The Bible speaks 167 times of hell. In describing hell, the word torment is used 4 times. Thirty-two times the New Testament refers to hell as "fire" "flames of" "furnace of".

The Greek word for "torment" has 3 meanings:

- 1. acute pain-like a destroying disease
- 2. a rack of torture-like a wheel where you would be stretched out
- 3. fire- hot enough to melt metal

Jesus himself described it as a place where the "worm dies not and the fire is not quenched".

Please take hell seriously. It is the very reason Jesus suffered for us. How will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation!

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