

## "Hell? Yes!" **Hebrews 10:26-31**

### **Introduction:**

1. Nothing in life equals the Bible concept of "Hell."
2. God makes people pay for their sins in life (**text**) and afterwards **Hebrews 4:11**
3. The world wants the "passing pleasures of sin" (**Hebrews 11:25**) to last.
4. Is the world right about this, or wrong? **CF Galatians 6:7-8**

### **Discussion:**

#### **I. Divine Judgment**

**(There is no righteous reward without punishment for the wicked)**

##### **A. There is widely accepted notion that God bestows good**

1. **Psalm 23**
2. **James 1:17**
3. **Job 2:10**
4. **2 Thessalonians 3:2**- "we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith"
5. **Matthew 25:34, 41, 46**

##### **B. Hell is Divine right to balance human wrong**

1. Cannot discern good without evil
  - a. Forbidden Tree **Genesis 2:9, 16-17**
  - b. For trying to be "gods" **Genesis 3:5,7,22**
2. The wicked must be accounted for
  - a. **Hebrews 10:28-31** (**verse 30** a quote from "**Deuteronomy 32:35**")
  - b. **Zephaniah 1:12**
3. Only profane persons treat it lightly
  - a. **Hebrews 12:16**-Esau (**Genesis 25:29-34**)
  - b. **Matthew 12:36**- "**every idle word**" (CF **Leviticus 24:10-16**)
  - c. **Gretchen Wilson's "Redneck Woman" et.al.**

#### **II. Ruined Innocents**

**(Children are born without being or knowing evil)**

##### **A. Truth throughout Scripture**

1. Garden of Eden-made before sin (**Romans 5:12**)
2. **Jonah 1:2; 4:11**- "**cannot discern between right hand & their left?**"
3. **Romans 9:11**-unborn babies have done nothing right OR wrong!

##### **B. Good is natural – evil is learned**

1. Garden of Eden **Genesis 3**
2. Cain & Abel **Genesis 4:1-16**- "**my punishment**"

### III. H-E-L-L

#### A. H-oly

1. Distinction Divinely drawn
  - a. **Genesis 2:9, 16-17**-Garden of Eden
  - b. **Revelation 21:27**-Church of Christ (**Ephesians 5:25-27**)
2. **I John 1:5**-there is no sin tolerated in God's presence
  - a. Or among His people (**Joshua 7; Acts 5:1-11**)
  - b. Or after this life **2 Peter 2:4**-"Tartarus"

#### B. E-ternal

1. **Mark 9:44, 46, 48**-permanent garbage dump ("Gehenna")
2. **Matthew 25:46**-lasts as long as "eternal life"
  - a. Hell so awful, some willing to make it the grave or "scorched earth" (JW's), or short-lived
  - b. Why should Heaven be shortened for those who had to endure people who were bound for Hell?

#### C. L-oving

1. **Revelation 3:19**-Why heed Christ, if no consequence?
2. **Revelation 6:10** ("**Psalm 94:3**")-Agony in Heaven, if no Hell
3. **2 Corinthians 5:10**-"**we must all appear**"

#### D. L-ast

1. **John 5:28-29**-hour
2. **Luke 16:19-31**
  - a. life determines destiny – no appeals (**Matthew 7:21-23**)
  - b. THERE IS NO SPIRIT FROM THE DEAD TO WARN!
  - c. There is no candle, mass or prayer that changes soul's condition
  - d. There will be no other warning from God than Scripture

#### **Conclusion:**

1. They deserve their judgment. "**Why should a living man complain, A man for the punishment of his sins?**" (**Lamentations 3:39**)
2. A funeral sermon cannot atone for sins, or put a soul in Heaven or Hell— but Jesus Christ will pronounce the final funeral sermon (**Acts 17:30-31**)
3. Avoid Hell at all it costs **Mark 16:15,16**

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