

## Searching the Scriptures / 61 / Will You Be In Hell? / Part 1

In our time together let's consider the most crucial of all questions for each one of us—Will You Be In Hell? I want us to look at a number of practical questions and biblical answers regarding what we are saved from and the nature of God's salvation program as outlined in His Word, the Bible.

### Q-1. What kind of question is that? Is Hell real?

A. Yes, it is. God's Word, the Bible, discusses God's judgment and eternal Hell from beginning to end. In fact, the Bible tells us that most people who have ever lived will be there.

*The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God. Psalm 9:17*

*And Jesus went about all Galilee teaching...Matthew 4:23... Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matthew 7:13–14*

### Q-2. Do you mean Jesus taught about Hell?

A. Yes. Jesus Christ (God in the flesh) taught more about Hell than any other person quoted in the Bible.

*Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire... Matthew 25:41*

*And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell. Matthew 10:28*

### Q-3. Should I be afraid of going to Hell?

A. Yes, indeed. The Bible is frightening in many places.

*...Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Hebrews 10:30–31*

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge... Proverbs 1:7*

*...but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. Isaiah 66:2*

### Q-4. What exactly is Hell?

A. Hell is being under God's anger for our sin, and eternally, will be more horrible than one can imagine. Hell will be:

#### 1. A place of eternal torment:

*And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night... Revelation 14:11*

#### 2. A place of darkness:

*A land of darkness, as darkness itself; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness. Job 10:22*

*Then said the King to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness...*

*Matthew 22:13*

**3. A place of fire:**

*For a fire is kindled in mine anger, and shall burn unto the lowest Hell... Deuteronomy 32:22*

*And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15*

**Q-5. Why would a loving God create a Hell? Isn't God merciful and forgiving of man's weaknesses and failings?**

**A.** Although God is love and has mercy, God is also just and righteous.

*Thou [God] art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity... Habakkuk 1:13*

*[concerning God] ...and by no means clearing the guilty... Numbers 14:18*

**Q-6. Well, didn't God create sin, since He created everything?**

**A.** Absolutely not! God is not the author of sin.

*Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. James 1:13–15*

My prayer for you and your loved ones is the same as what I desire for myself and my loved ones—that God might have mercy on us and grant us His salvation from sin and Hell.