

WHY “NO HELLERS “ARE SCORNERS

The word “*scorn*” means to reject, refuse, condemn, or ignore right teaching and judgment – often with contempt.

The fifth commandment – to honor father and mother – is meant among many things, to teach people their responsibility to obey the powers that God has established. First in life is to honor and obey your parents (Exodus 20; Ephesians 6). Learn to do right or be punished.

From a young age God wants all of us to learn to do right or fear judgment. Judgment comes as a rod when we are young, stripes when older, and eventually hell for those who refuse God.

Rebellion is Satanic in origin. Lucifer rebelled against God. Those who follow this same path will reap the same judgment. Jesus condemned the religious Jews calling them snakes and vipers. He said they were of their father the devil (John 8:44). Those wicked religious men made their converts “twofold more the child of hell than yourselves” (Matthew 23:15).

Again, the root of rebellion is Satanic, and the fruit of rebellion is to deny judgment for ones action. Scorners – those who refuse to accept the fact that God will judge – are rebellious in their thoughts and actions. “Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,” Saul was told.

From a theological point of view, one cannot dismiss the truth of hell without first denying the accuracy or purity of the King James Bible. Anyone can make their own “Bible” and change whatever words they don’t like. But a true Bible believer takes God as his word – not some other “scholars” who have redefined the words of God.

Since the truth of hell had to be revealed to man from God (man could not discover this on his own, or at least live to tell about it), God must needs reveal it to him, and do so by *using words man was familiar with*. God used words that communicated the idea of hell to us, and we have the formed the word “hell” to identify this place.

Hell is used by many today, both lost and saved, sometimes with warning and sometimes with cursing. It is a word most people could define pretty close to what God intended the meaning to be. Only a fool or a scorners would deny the true existence of hell.

Here are some Biblical observations in respect to hell:

- 1 It was created for the devil and his angels. If no hell, then will God forgive them or just evaporate them? What does *cursed* mean? Matthew 25:41:

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

And, what is the purpose of “everlasting” fire?

2 Jesus said the fire is not quenched and their worm dieth not. Mark 9:

43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:

46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:

48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Why is the fire not quenched?

3 Luke 16 shows hell as a place of “torments” (those who change the meaning of the word hell, must also change the meaning of the word torments):

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Why are there “torments in flame” associated with hell? If one says this is simply a parable, a first year seminary student knows a parable is an earthly story with an heavenly meaning – and the heavenly meaning is more real and severe and important.

4 Revelation 20 shows the end of the line for the devil, and death and hell (obviously two different things from the context):

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

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

How would you explain a “lake of fire”? How about revelation 19:20? How about burning with brimstone? And look who is there?

And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

To me, a lake of fire is a *lake of fire*. Does this mean something different to you?

5 John 3:16 speaks of “should not perish, but have everlasting life.” These are obviously contrasted to each other. Opposite of *everlasting life* is everlasting...?

6 Palm 9:17:

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Are we to assume all the wicked will be converted and avoid the real hell, when God said just the opposite. Do rational people really think the wicked will dwell with the righteous?

7 Matthew 10:28 mentions the word “destroy”. The context is God’s judgment and everlasting destruction.

28 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.

Looks like both soul and body are destroyed in hell. Try to redefine that one! *My soul is saved, hallelujah!*

8 Matthew 23:

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Damnation is pretty clear. Hell is damnation. To me it seems pretty ridiculous if all men will be saved, for us to labor so diligently so their blood is not on our hands. God’s will is that none perish, but some will. Just because God has a will does not mean man always does his will. Check yourself, sinner!

9 2 Peter 2 mentions “*cast down to hell*”:

4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;
5 And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;
6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;
7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:
8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)
9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

Notice the context and the contrast. The punishment God speaks of is the lake of fire.

10 2 Thessalonians 1:9:

Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Everlasting destruction to me means, *everlasting destruction*. Why would a supposed Bible-believer want to change those two words?

Conclusion:

Changing the meaning of the word *does not remove the concept*. An honest man will consider this. One must also change the context in which the word was used, if one is to deny hell. The only reason why a person would so forcefully “wrest the scriptures,” rather than take them at face value, comes to an issue of the heart – that man is a scorner.

But, in the end, even after thousands of years of those denying the truth of hell, hell hath enlarged itself. It was created for the devil and his angels, but those who follow the “father of lies” will find their place along side with them.

However an honest men would define the details of hell, it is a place one must avoid, and there is **no** scripture that shows God simply forgives all the wicked and gives them a place with the righteous, those washed in the blood of the Lamb. Those who are not washed in the blood will have “everlasting destruction” as their end

Denying the facts will not change them – they are stubborn things. Those who reject hell will see their folly eventually. Let’s hope they repent now before it is too late.

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