

LIFE, DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND ETERNAL LIFE - PART 10

Outline #10 THE FIRES OF HELL AND ETERNAL TORMENT

Do not be afraid – Revelation 1:8.17-18

1. Hell fire

- a) Matthew 18:8-9, Mark 9:43 What important truth is Jesus teaching here?
- b) Is this fire eternal in its duration or eternal in results, or both? Malachi 4:1-3, Jude 7
- c) Where did the eternal fire come from that destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah? Genesis 19:24
- d) How does the apostle John describe the fire that destroys the wicked? Revelation 20:9

2. Tormented forever and ever

- a) Revelation 20:10 If God is love, and has "no pleasure in the death of the wicked" (Ezekiel 33:11), why would He torment the wicked for ever and ever?
- b) How does Jesus describe the fate of those who refuse to accept the gift of salvation? John 3:16
- c) What comes to your mind when you hear the word "perish"?
- d) According to the apostle Paul, what are the wages of sin—death or eternal torment? Romans 6:23
- e) What is the meaning of the expression "their worm does not die"? Isaiah 66:24, quoted by Jesus in Mark 9:43-48 Are these worms eternal that consume the corpses of the wicked or do they devour the corpses until their work is complete?

3. The non-biblical doctrine of Purgatory

- a) If you Google the word "Purgatory", what do you learn?
- b) Is Purgatory a biblical teaching? (Support your answer from the Scriptures) Ezekiel 18:20-23, Hebrews 9:27, Ecclesiastes 9:10, etc.
- c) Why would people pay for prayers, religious services, or indulgences for dead loved ones if Purgatory is a non-biblical teaching?

4. When do the redeemed go to be with the Lord?

- a) Acts 2:29 According to Peter, where is David now?
- b) 1 Corinthians 15:16-18 According to the apostle Paul, where are the other righteous who died?
- c) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 When do the righteous dead go to be with the Lord?
- d) What about Elijah and Moses who appeared with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration? Mark 9:1-4 (2 Kings 2:9-11, Deuteronomy 34:5-6, Jude 9)
- e) According to the teaching of Jesus and the apostles, when will the redeemed go together to be with the Lord? Why is this teaching of the Scriptures such good news?
- f) How can we be sure we are part of the redeemed, whether living when Jesus returns or raised in the first resurrection? 1 John 5:11-13, John 11:25, etc.