

Reality of Heaven and Hell

John 3:16, 18, 36

Introduction:

1. There are several questions from Christians about heaven and hell, likewise, there are a lot of objections to heaven and hell from non-believers.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. This lesson's aim to to speak about the reality of heaven and hell, but more about the nature of why both places exist.

I. God's love

A. How big is God's love?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
4. Psalm 36:5-9
5. God's love has no end, it never ends.

B. His love is so great that He sent His Son to die for a lost world

1. 1 John 4:9-11
2. God's Holy Love rescues us from God's Holy wrath!
 - a. Romans 8:3
 - b. Galatians 4:4
 - c. Philippians 2:5-8
 - d. Colossians 1:19
 - e. Colossians 2:9

II. God's justice

A. God's justice is in response to sin.

1. 1 John 3:4
2. Daniel 9:4-5
3. Micah 2:1J
4. James 3:6
5. Romans 1:18-32; 2:5; 3:23
6. Romans 5:8-11, 6:23
7. What was King David's reaction to injustice? (2 Samuel 12:5-6)

B. God's eternal holiness demands an eternal:

1. heaven:
 - a. Matthew 5:11
 - b. Romans 8:18
 - c. Ephesians 3:20
2. hell:

- a. Matthew 25:41
 - b. "The reason they suffer such a fate is their failure to be sensitive to the sufferings and hardship endured by the Lord." (Chouinard)
- III. God's judgment
 - A. 2 Thessalonians 1:5–10
 - B. This retribution is a fair response to the death of the Son of God on the cross.
- IV. The hope
 - A. Hebrews 11:1
 - B. Old Testament figures had a hope of heaven
 - 1. Abraham (Hebrews 11:9-16)
 - 2. Moses (Hebrews 11:24ff)
 - 3. David (2 Samuel 12:23)
 - C. Facts about heaven
 - 1. Hebrews 11:16; 13:14
 - 2. Revelation 21:25; 22:5
 - 3. Revelation 22:3
- V. The burning questions:
 - A. Why would God condemn people to suffer the torments of eternal hell?
 - 1. The real question...
 - a. 2 Thessalonians 1:5-10
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 3:3–4
 - 2. Answer: Romans 1:18-20
 - B. How can we be in heavenly bliss when we will know some of our loved ones are in eternal hell?
 - 1. Revelation 7:17; 21:4
 - 2. _
 - 3. 1 Timothy 1:11; 6:15

Conclusion:

- 1. God does not want anyone to be lost (John 3:16; 2 Peter 3:9)
- 2. Rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19ff)