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TITLE:

The Wages of Sin is Death in Hell Fire and The Payment of Jesus Christ for Sin

TEXT:

Psalms 89:14; Romans 6:23; Luke 16:19-31; Isaiah 53;

GOD IS JUST AND MERCIFUL

- The Bible is the Word of God.
- The Bible reveals Jehovah God, Who is our Creator.
- The Bible shows that:
 - *God is a Faithful* - *God never changes* - *God is Good*
 - *God is Sovereign* - *God is Almighty* - *God is Love*
 - *God is Omnipresent* - *God is Compassionate* - *God is Gracious*
 - *God is Omniscient* - *God is Forgiving* - *God is Holy*
- These are just some of God's attributes.
- Today, our focus of study is two of His attributes which are mentioned in Psalm 89:14:
 - God is Righteous ("Matuwid") and Just ("Makatarungan")
 - He observes His divine laws.
 - He renders to each what is due.
 - God is Merciful ("Maawain")
 - He is compassionate.
 - He shows favor.
- These two attributes of God seem to contradict each other.

THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH

- God demonstrates that He is just and righteous by requiring wages ("kabayaran") for the sins we committed against Him.
- This not only refers to the physical death but also to the second death. According to Revelation 21:8, the second death is having a part in a lake of fire.
- People who are not saved, when they die, go to a place which is called Hell. Then, in the future, they will be cast into a place called Lake of Fire.

JESUS CHRIST'S TEACHING ABOUT HELL

- Luke 16:19-31 is not a parable, because parables do not name the names of people.
 - There are two people:
 - A man who lived luxuriously, dressed in fine clothes, and feasted sumptuously every day.
 - At his gate lay a beggar named Lazarus, who was covered in sores and longed to eat the scraps from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come and lick Lazarus' sores.
 - Both men died.
 - Lazarus was carried by angels to Abraham's bosom.
 - The rich man was buried and found himself in Hell.
 - The rich man, looking up and seeing Lazarus with Abraham, called out to him for mercy, asking Abraham to send Lazarus to cool his tongue with water because he was in torment in the flames.
 - Abraham reminded the rich man that in his lifetime, he had received good things while Lazarus had suffered, but now Lazarus was comforted while the rich man was in torment.
 - Abraham responded to the rich man explaining that there was a great gulf fixed between them, preventing anyone from crossing over.

- Description of Hell?
 1. A place of torment (Lk. 16:23).
 2. A place of consciousness and feeling (Lk. 16:23).
 3. A place of fire (Lk. 16:24).
 4. A place of no comfort (Lk. 16:24, 25).
 5. A place of no mercy (Lk. 16:24, 25).
 6. A place of unfulfilled desires and unanswered prayers (Lk. 16:27-31).
 7. A place of no escape (Lk. 16:26).
 8. A place of remembrance and regret (Lk. 16:27-28).
 9. A place of worm that doesn't die (Mk. 9:44, 46, 48).
 10. A place of unquenchable fire (Mk. 9:44, 46, 48).
 11. A place of weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mt. 25:30).
 12. A place of everlasting punishment (Mt. 25:46).
- Jesus Christ said "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." – Luke 13:3.

BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD

- God demonstrates mercifulness by offering men the gift of eternal life.
 - He is not willing that any should perish in Hell.
 - 2 Peter 3:9 - The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- A gift is a favor with which one receives without any merit of his own.
- Eternal life is a never-ending life.
 - This is the opposite of never-ending death in Hell.
- This gift of eternal life is ONLY through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Jesus Christ is the Messiah which means Anointed.
 - He is the Eternal Son of God.
 - He is Co-equal and Co-eternal with God the Father and the Holy Spirit.
 - He is without sin.
 - He is the Anointed by God the Father to meet His justice because of our sins.
 - He is the Anointed by God the Father to demonstrate His mercy for us.
- Isaiah 53 shows how Jesus Christ satisfied God the Father and what He requires for the payment of sins. This prophecy was written about 700 years before Jesus was born, yet it describes His suffering in detail.
 - "He was wounded for our transgressions" (v. 5)
 - "He was bruised for our iniquities" (v. 5)
 - "the chastisement of our peace was upon Him" (v. 5)
 - "and with His stripes we are healed" (v. 5)
 - "the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all" (v. 6)
 - "for the transgression of my people was He stricken" (v. 8)
 - "Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin" (v. 10)
 - "He shall bear their iniquities" (v. 11)
 - "He shall bear the sin of many" (v. 12)
- God the Father had forsaken Him (Mt. 27:46).
- God the Father saw the travail of His soul and is satisfied (Isa. 53:11).
- The conflict between the attributes of God is resolved by Jesus Christ:
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 - For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.