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The Gospel of Matthew #89

SOME REFLECTIONS ON HELL

Matthew 10:28

IT IS:

I. **P** _____: “both soul and body”
Cf. Daniel 12:2

II. **N** _____: “destroy”
If God does not banish and destroy evil, then the New
Earth will not be without sin
(Rev 21:6-8, 27)

III. **I** _____: Jesus taught more about hell than
all other biblical authors put together!

Egs just in Matthew: 5:22, 29-30; 7:13, 23; 10:28;
11:23f; 13:40-42, 49-50; 18:8-9; 23:15, 33;
25:41, 46

Do you dismiss Hell? Beware thinking you are wiser and
more compassionate than Jesus!

IV. **D** _____: “be afraid of”
Hell is described in terms of fire and darkness.
Essence of Hell is separation from God’s Presence
(7:23; II Thess 1:9)
It is God’s “giving us up” to our own ways
(Rom 1:24, 26, 28)
“Leave me alone!” So He does!
Tim Keller & CS Lewis:

V. **A** _____: v28 is a warning
Hell shows us the love of Christ, because He *endured*
Hell—separation from God—for us.
Matt 27:46: forsaken!
You can either experience your own self-chosen hell
Or escape Hell by hiding in Jesus Who endured it for all
who trust in Him

Hell is a reality which even Christians today want to avoid.
Mt 10:28 is telling you to fear the One Who determines your
eternal destiny, and you will be freed from the fear of
people.

Jesus’ focus on the necessary reality of Hell is what makes
the Gospel of His mercy so astonishing.