

# The Dire Warning of Hell

## MARK 9:38-50

God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked (Ezek. 18:23) and does not desire that anyone perish (2 Pet. 3:9). The Lord wept over Jerusalem because the people would not come to Him and be saved (Lk. 19:41). He warned about hell, not to put people in agony but to save them from it. Hell was not even created for men but for the devil and his fallen angels (Mt. 25:41).

Phil. 3:18 Paul wept... When warning

The Peril

and will cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (13:50)

Perhaps no doctrine is harder to accept emotionally than the doctrine of hell. Yet it is too clear and too often mentioned in Scripture either to deny or to ignore. Jesus spoke more of hell than any of the prophets or apostles did--perhaps for the reason that its horrible truth would be all but impossible to accept had not the Son of God Himself absolutely affirmed it. It had special emphasis in Jesus' teaching from the beginning to the end of His earthly ministry. He said more about hell than about love. More than all other teachers in the Bible combined, He warned men of hell, promising no escape for those who refused His gracious, loving offer of salvation.

In the Sermon on the Mount alone, the Lord gives several specific and direct warnings about hell: "Whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell" (Mt. 5:22).

OT	Hades	100 times
NT	Hades	10 times
NT	Gehenna	11 times (10 = Jesus Christ) + 1 time James

HELL: Sheol (31); Grave (31); Pit (3)

1. *The unseen state; Strong # 7585 65 x in the Old Testament*

- ✓ Deut. 32:22 and shall burn unto the lowest hell, and
- ✓ 2 Sam. 22:6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about
- ✓ Job 11:8 what canst thou do? Deeper than hell
- ✓ Job 26:6 Hell (is) naked before him, and destruction
- ✓ Ps. 9:17 The wicked shall be turned into hell, (and)
- ✓ Ps. 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell
- ✓ Ps. 18:5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about
- ✓ Ps. 55:15 (and) let them go down quick into hell: for
- ✓ Ps. 86:13 delivered my soul from the lowest hell
- ✓ Ps. 116:3 and the pains of hell gat hold upon me
- ✓ Ps. 139:8 if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou
- ✓ Prov. 5:5 down to death; her steps take hold on hell
- ✓ Prov. 7:27 Her house (is) the way to hell, going down
- ✓ Prov. 9:18 knoweth...her guests (are) in the depths of

- ✓ Prov. 15:11 Hell and destruction (are) before the Lord
- ✓ Prov. 15:24 that he may depart from hell beneath
- ✓ Prov. 23:14 beat...and shalt deliver his soul from hell
- ✓ Prov. 27:20 Hell and destruction deliver his soul from hell
- ✓ Is. 5:14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and
- ✓ Is. 14:9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to
- ✓ Is. 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to
- ✓ Is. 28:15 and with hell are we at agreement; when
- ✓ Is. 28:28 your agreement with hell shall not stand
- ✓ Is. 57:9 and didst debase (thyself even) unto hell
- ✓ Ez. 31:16 when I cast him down to hell with them
- ✓ Ez. 31:17 They also went down into hell with their
- ✓ Ez. 32:21 shall speak to him out of the midst of hell
- ✓ Ez. 32:27 which are gone down to hell with their
- ✓ Amos 9:2 Though they dig into hell, thence shall
- ✓ Jon. 2:2 out of the belly of hell cried I, (and) thou
- ✓ Hab. 2:5 who enlargeth his desire as hell, and (is) as

*Hades, the unseen world; Strong # 86 used in New Testament 11 times*

- Mt. 11:23 thou...shalt be brought down to hell: for
- Mt. 16:18 gates of hell shall not prevail against it
- Lk. 10:15 And thou...shalt be thrust down to hell
- Lk. 16:23 in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment
- Acts 2:27 thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither
- Acts 2:31 that his soul was not left in hell, neither
- 1 Cor 15:55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"
- Rev. 1:18 I...have the keys of hell and of death
- Rev. 6:8 I looked...and Hell followed with him
- Rev. 20:13 death and hell delivered up the dead
- Rev. 20:14 death and hell were cast into the lake

*Valley of Hinnom, Gehenna Strong # 1067 geenna. 12 times in New Testament*

- Mt. 5:22 shall say...shall be in danger of hell fire
- Mt. 5:29,30 thy whole body should be cast into hell
- Mt. 10:28 him which is able to destroy...body in hell
- Mt. 18:9 having two eyes to be cast into hell fire
- Mt. 23:15 twofold more the child of hell than your.
- Mt. 23:33 how can ye escape the damnation of hell?
- \_\_\_\_\_:43 than having two hands to go into hell
- \_\_\_\_\_:45 than having two feet to be cast into hell
- \_\_\_\_\_:5 hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say
- \_\_\_\_\_:6 the tongue...and it is set on fire of hell

*Tartarus Strong # 5020 tartaroo 1 x New Testament*

- 2 Peter 2:4 but cast (them) down to hell, and deliver.

*Lake of Fire 5 x in New Testament*

1. Revelation 19:20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and

those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into **the lake of fire** burning with brimstone.

2. Revelation 20:10 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into **the lake of fire** and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.
3. Revelation 20:14-15 Then Death and Hades were cast into **the lake of fire**. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into **the lake of fire**.
4. Revelation 21:8 But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in **the lake** which burns with **fire** and brimstone, which is the second death.”

Last year, the U.S. News and World Report commissioned Gallup Polls on news about hell:

1952 72 heaven/58 hell  
1981 71 heaven/53 hell  
1990 78 heaven/60 hell

#### Descriptions of Hell:

\_\_\_\_\_ 6                bonds under darkness  
\_\_\_\_\_ 7                punishment of eternal fire  
\_\_\_\_\_ 13              black darkness forever  
Rom. 20:15            lake of fire  
Rom. 20:14            other death  
2 Pet. 2:4             tartarus  
                             pits of darkness  
2 Pet. 2:17            black darkness  
Lk. 16:28             from torment to eternal fire  
Rom. 2:9              tribulation and anguish  
Mt. 22:13;            howling and gnashing of teeth  
Mt. 25:30  
Mt. 7:23                cursed  
II Thess. 1:9          eternal destruction  
Mt. 3:12                unquenchable fire  
Mt. 13:42,50;        furnace and place of horror  
Ps. 21:9; Is. 30:30  
Is. 33:14                devouring fire  
Mt. 5:25;             prison and abyss (tartarus)  
2 Pet. 2:4  
Mt. 25:46             hell and eternal torment  
Mk. 9:48                undying worm  
Mk. 9:43, 48;        fire goes not out  
Mt. 25:41  
Rev. 20:15, 10;      sea burning with fire and brimstone  
19:20  
Heb. 10:31            fearful falling into hands of living God  
Mt. 26:24             better never born  
Rev. 14:11;            smoke of torment goeth up forever and ever

20:10  
 Lk. 16 glimpse of grave -- door or death  
 Lk. 16:22 only the body died, not the soul  
 righteous go to bliss  
 lost go to torments  
 Lk. 16:23 conscious  
 intuitive recognition of Abraham who died 20  
 centuries before rich man and Lazarus  
 can see "far off" long distances  
 recognition of those of life "saw Lazarus"  
 can speak  
 Lk. 16:24 physical desires present "thirst"  
 experiences pain  
 note the vivid contrast "that tongue that never  
 lacked on earth calls for that hand that was  
 unheeded at his gate...."  
 Lk. 16:25 memory unimpaired  
 Lk. 16:26 awareness  
 trapped in destiny  
 "great chasm" eternal separation, good and evil  
 beyond help "none can pass"  
 Lk. 16:27 no communication from the lost dead to living  
 allowed  
 wanted to warn of horrors  
 dead have no influence in spirit world  
 Lk. 16:28 reality of constant torment only drove him to have  
 others flee (recent punk rocker said he wanted to  
 go to hell with friends and fun)  
 Lk. 16:29 Word of God determines the destiny of all, the rest  
 passes away  
 Abraham knew history after his death (died 20  
 centuries B.C. knew Moses and prophets 600-1200  
 years after death)  
 Lk. 16:30 supernatural not always convince (note Christ's  
 miracle and apostles and prophets only  
 confirmed faith -- never produces....)  
 Lk. 16:31 no one goes back!

- (1) People go to hell because of their own works! God kept a running record to show none make it! Rev. 20.
- (2) Either the King of Kings in unsparing holiness is going to drag into the light every second of your life or Jesus Christ will cleanse it all away!
- (3) It will be eternal! 70 times aionias (unending) used  
 63 times of eternal life used  
 7 times of eternal death

Rev. 19:20/21 beast + false prophet  
 Rev. 20:10 devil added 1,000 years later, still alive and well

Rev. 21:8 new heaven and earth, yet hell is there!

Therefore, heaven to be sought. Hell fire to flee.

All afresh affirm their only hope in Jesus Christ!

## SATAN'S PRIDE

From "Paradise Lost," Book IV

Is there no place  
Left for repentance, none for pardon left?  
None left but by submission; and that word  
Disdain forbids me, and my dread of shame  
Among the Spirits benath, whom I seduced  
With other promises and other vaunts  
Than to submit, boasting I could subdue  
The Omnipotent. Ay me! They little know  
How dearly I abide that boast so vain,  
Under what torments inwardly I groan.  
While they adore me on the throne of Hell,  
With diadem and sceptre high advanced,  
The lower still I fall, only supreme  
In misery: such joy ambition finds!  
But say I could repent, and could obtain,  
By act of grace, my former state; how soon  
Would highth recal high thoughts, how soon unsay  
What feigned submission swore! Ease would recant  
Vows made in pain, as violent and void  
(For never can true reconciliation grow  
Where wounds of deadly hate have pierced so deep);  
Which would but lead me to a worse relapse  
And heavier fall: so should I purchase dear  
Short intermission, bought with double smart.  
This knows by Punisher; therefore as far  
From granting he, as I from begging, peace.  
All hope excluded thus, behold, instead  
Of us, outcast, exiled, his new delight,  
Mankind, created, and for him this World!  
So farewell hope, and, with hope, farewell fear,  
Farewell remorse! All good to me is lost;  
Evil, be thou my Good.

*John Milton, 1608-1674*