



Hell: Fact or Fiction? Part 1

Lesson 4

"And now, who is responsible for this God-dishonoring doctrine? And what is his purpose? The promulgator of it is Satan himself; and his purpose in introducing it has been to frighten the people away from studying the Bible and to make them hate God."

~Joseph Franklin Rutherford, Jehovah Witnesses' Watchtower Society's Second President

"How can Christians possibly project a deity of such cruelty and vindictiveness whose ways include inflicting everlasting torture upon his creatures, however sinful they may have been? Surely a God who would do such a thing is more nearly like Satan than like God, at least by any ordinary moral standards, and by the gospel itself."

~Clark Pinnock, Professor and Noted Evangelical Author

🔊 What Is This Series All About? Three Questions in One: Is Jesus the **only** way to salvation?

Q 1 Will **ANYONE** experience eternal, conscious torment under God's wrath in hell?

Universalism says: **NO!** Everyone (including the Devil and his legions of demons) will one day be saved. **DOOMED to BE SAVED!**

Annihilationism says: **NO!** Immortality is a conditional gift given to only those who are saved. The unbelievers will be annihilated, destroyed, cease to exist on the day of judgment.

Popular Belief says: **MAYBE**, but I am not going there, nor are any of my friends or family.

Jesus says: **YES**, and I love people enough to come to earth, warn them about it with conviction and compassion, and offer Myself as the only Way out of it. *Matthew 25:31-46*

"Then [Jesus] will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels'"
Matthew 25:41

🔊 Seven Facts about the Reality of Hell

Fact #1 Hell is **REAL**. *Matthew 10:28*

"Then [Jesus] will also say to those on the left hand..."

Fact #2 Hell is **SEPARATION** from God and everyone of His good gifts. *2 Thessalonians 1:9; Luke 13:24-28; Matthew 7:21-23; Hebrews 10:31; Revelation 14:9*

"Depart from Me..."

► Hell is separation from God, *but it is not separation from God completely.*

► God is everywhere, even in hell, *therefore, you can run but you can't hide!*

Fact #3 Hell is for those **CURSED** by God. *Mark 11:13-15, 20-21; Galatians 3:10; 2 Corinthians 5:21; John 8:24; 3:36*

"you cursed..."

► There are **TWO** groups at the Judgment: the **sheep** and the **goats**, those on Jesus' right and those on His left.

► What does it mean to be cursed by Christ?

And that means that anyone who tries to live by his own effort, independent of God, is doomed to failure. Scripture backs this up: "Utterly cursed is every person who fails to carry out every detail written in the Book of the law." Gal. 3:10 (MSG)

Fact #4 Hell is **ETERNAL**. *Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9; Revelation 14:9*

"into the everlasting (or eternal)..."

Human Reason Asks: *"Why must I receive eternal punishment for a limited amount of sin? If I live 70 years, no matter how much I sin, it stops the day that I die. Why punish me forever? Why must a person get eternal punishment for only 70 years of sin?"*

God's Revelation Answers:

1) We must understand the **GREATNESS** of the Person against whom they have sinned. *Psalms 51:4*

2) Sin **NEVER** stops. It doesn't stop at death: ***You never read of repentance in hell.*** *Psalms 51:5-7; Romans 3:10-18*

Therefore, God is holy and just and right in repaying sinners in hell with eternal torment!

NEXT WEEK: The Final 3 Facts on the Reality of Hell