

FINAL QUESTIONS
A Biblical View of Life After Death

Lesson Four • Luke 16:19-31

Is Hell for Real?

Hell Under Fire

Despite how difficult the notion of hell is, we must not ABANDON it.
Hell is a doctrine taught in God's Word and by Jesus Himself.

Questions Regarding Hell

Question 1: Is Hell REAL?

Three Realities of Hell

- Hell is a place of SEPARATION.

"So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom." Luke 16:22-23

- Hell is a place of TORMENT.

"Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.' Luke 16:24-25

"Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Luke 16:27-28

- Hell is a place of FINALITY.

'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' Luke 16:26

Question 2: Is Hell ETERNAL?

Two False Views of Hell

- Universalism: the view that everyone will eventually be SAVED from hell (or just go straight to heaven when they die).
- Annihilationism: the view that those in hell will be DESTROYED at some point and simply cease to exist.

The Biblical View of Hell

God's Word describes hell as ETERNAL or FOREVER.

"And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." Matthew 25:46 ESV

"If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire." Matthew 18:8 NIV

They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might. 2Thessalonians 1:9 ESV

And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever...Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:10,14-15 NIV

Question 3: Is Hell NECESSARY?

The Necessity of Hell

- Hell is necessary because of God's HOLINESS and our SINFULNESS.
- Hell is necessary because ultimately it GLORIFIES God.

The Urgency of Eternity

Our eternal destiny hinges on our RESPONSE to Jesus Christ!

Will you turn from Jesus OR will you trust in Jesus?

"For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." John 3:16-19 ESV