



"Is There a Hell?"

As we draw close to the rapture, we all face a serious issue: Where will we spend eternity? The answer to that question is simple. If we accept Jesus as our Savior and place our faith in Him, we will spend eternity in

heaven, but if we reject the Lord's free gift of salvation, we will spend eternity in hell. I know some will not agree with this, but I have God's Word to back it up, so I am not afraid to say it.

It amazes me that despite the Bible's clarity on this subject, people still question it and propose alternative ideas. Recently, we watched a movie called "Come Sunday." This film tells the true story of Pastor Carlton Pearson, a gifted young man who formed a close bond with Oral Roberts and led a highly successful biracial church in Tulsa.

Suddenly, he began to teach that a loving God would not condemn anyone to eternal damnation, including non-believers. This new teaching, which he called "The Gospel of Inclusion," led him to conclude that hell did not exist and that everyone is already saved through God's grace. Oral Roberts tried to reason with him, but he remained steadfast in his unconventional beliefs. As a result, he lost his church

and marriage and, in the movie, was excommunicated by the Black Bishops of America. Ultimately, he joined the Universalist Church, whose beliefs resonated with his own. Unfortunately, Hollywood portrayed him as a great man who was unjustly persecuted for his beliefs. So, who is right: Hollywood or the Bible?

Scripture teaches that Hell is real. Jesus taught on Hell several times in parables and sermons. Here are some examples.

Matthew 10:28 Amplified Bible

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; but rather be afraid of Him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 13:41-43 King James Version

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Jesus believed there is a place called hell. But what did other great preachers believe about this subject?

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Billy Graham

"Heaven is real, and hell is real, and eternity is but a breath away."

Charles Spurgeon

"Shall we keep men in a fool's paradise? Shall we lull them into soft slumbers from which they will awake in hell? Are we to become helpers of their damnation by our smooth speeches? In the name of God. we will not!"

C.S. Lewis

"There is no doctrine which I would more willingly remove from Christianity than the doctrine of hell if it lay in my power. But it has the full support of

Scripture and, especially, of our Lord's

own words."

Charles Spurgeon

"Morality may keep you out of jail, but it takes the blood of Jesus Christ to keep you out of hell."

This quote reminds me that no article about the reality of hell can be complete without also acknowledging the fact that God did not create hell for sinners, and this is why He provided a way for us to escape

Matthew 25:41 KJV

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

In conclusion, while the reality of hell is a sobering truth, it is essential to remember that God's love offers a way of escape. Through faith and repentance, we are given the

opportunity to choose life, not death. The message of hope and redemption is clear: God's grace is greater than our sin, and through Christ, we can be saved from the eternal damnation of hell. The decision is ours: Will we choose life, or will we choose death?

There is one other thing that Charles Spurgeon said that each of us needs to think about.

"Oh, my brothers and sisters in Christ, if sinners will be damned, at least let them leap to hell over our bodies; and if they will perish, let them perish with our arms about their knees, imploring them to stay, and not madly to destroy themselves."

Charles Spurgeon

