

***Definition:** Hell is the literal place where God administers eternal, conscious punishment for those who have sinned against him.*

(1) BIBLICAL TEACHING

A. OLD TESTAMENT

- Underdeveloped concept in comparison to the NT
- Concept of Judgment is present (Ps. 9:17; 55:15; Num. 16:30-35)
- *Sheol* is used to describe the grave or the place of the dead (Gen. 37:35; Job 17:13-16; Ps. 6:6, 16:10; Isa. 14:11; etc)

B. NEW TESTAMENT

Three main Greek words that refer to a place of judgment:

- *Hades*: most often corresponds to the OT concept of *Sheol* referring to the grave. (Lk. 10:15, 16:23; Acts 2:27; Rev. 1:18, 20:13-14).
- *Tartarus*: a rare word used only in 2 Pet. 2:4, translated "cast into hell" and refers to fallen angels in chains and darkness awaiting final judgment.
- *Gehenna*: most common word in the NT, refers to a literal place of final punishment for those who reject God's Word (Mt. 5:22, 29, 12:36; Mt. 25:41; Lk. 12:5; etc).

Most of what we know about Hell comes from the mouth of Jesus

- Jesus spoke more about Hell than anyone else.
- Jesus is also the most loving truthful person who ever lived.

(2) WHAT IS HELL LIKE?

- Eternal
- Conscious
- Judgment

(3) WHY MUST THERE BE A HELL?

- Who God is
- What sin is

(4) OBJECTIONS TO HELL

- Universalism: a theological position that maintains that in the end, all people will end up in heaven (universal salvation).
- Annihilationalism: a theological position that maintains that those who reject God will eventually be "annihilated."

(5) HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO DELIVERANCE FROM HELL?

- Devotional: Gratitude & Service
 - The Eternal Son...
 - ...makes an eternal Sacrifice
 - ...to satisfy eternal justice
 - ...and earn eternal life.
- Obedience: Faithfulness & Evangelism

Big Words You Need to Know, Love, and Share

Week 12: Hell

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