

Title: Living With the Reality of Hell

Text: (Luke 16:22-28) *23

There is a a lot of debate on the topic of Hell.
Many believe Heaven/Angels, struggle w/idea of Hell
Belief in hell necessitates an absolute moral standard

Beyond Death's Door by Dr. Maurice Rawlings, an
Internal Medicine/Cardiovascular Disease Doctors
has resuscitated many clinically dead people.
(Thomas Nelson Inc., 1979) p. 3)

Dr. R, devout atheist, "*considered all religion
"hocus-pocus" and death nothing more than a
painless extinction*".

But something happened in 1977 that brought a
dramatic change in his life!

While resuscitating a man,
He would wake up terrified & screaming
I am descending down into the flames of hell:
*"Each time he regained heartbeat & respiration, the
patient screamed, "I am in hell!"*

*He was terrified & pleaded with me to help him.
I noticed a genuinely alarmed look on his face.
He had a terrified look, worse than the expression
seen in death.*

*This patient had a grotesque grimace expressing
sheer horror, His pupils were dilated, he was
perspiring, trembling, his hair was "on end."*

*Then still another strange thing happened.
He said, "Don't you understand? I am in hell. . .*

Don't let me go back to hell!"
*. . .the man was serious, & it finally occurred to me
that he was indeed in trouble.
He was in a panic like I had never seen before."*

Dr. Rawlings said, no one, who could have heard his
screams & saw the look of terror on his face could
doubt for a single minute that *he was actually in a
place called hell!*

Yet many today *won't* teach that there is a place.
The Bible continually warns of a place called hell.
162 ref in the NT alone which warns of hell.
70 of these references were uttered by Jesus Christ!

Lk 16, Jesus gives a frightening picture of hell
*22 . . . the rich man also died, and was buried;
23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments,
24 ...; for I am tormented in this flame.
28 ...lest they also come into this place of torment.*

The BIBLE Teaches HELL is a PLACE OF FIRE
(Lk 16:24) "*I am tormented in this Flame*"
(Matt 13:42) "*shall cast them into a furnace of fire*"
(Matt 25:41) Jesus says: "*Depart from me, ye cursed,
into everlasting fire,*"
(Rev 20:15) "*cast into the LAKE OF FIRE.*"

THE BIBLE GIVES THE LOCATION OF HELL

When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He descended into hell. (Acts 2:31) Peter is quoting, (Ps 16:10) "*He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.*"

(Matt 12:40) Jesus said:

*"For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly: so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the **HEART OF THE EARTH.**"*

The Bible is clear — **Hell is inside the earth!**

3960 mi below your feet

(Eph 4:9) says of Jesus: "*Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the **LOWER PARTS OF THE EARTH.**"*

On page 85 of *Beyond Death's Door*, Dr. Rawlings writes patients who described hell said, ". . . *this place seems to be **UNDERGROUND or WITHIN THE EARTH** in some way.*"

It is also called '*the pit*' (Isa. 14:9, 15: Ezek32:18-21) and '*the bottomless pit*' (Rev. 9:2). . .

Scientist & Bible teacher, Henry Morris in his book:

The Bible Has the Answer, p. 220)

agrees the Bible teaches that hell is in this earth:

"So far as we can tell from Scripture, the present hell, is somewhere in the heart of the earth itself."

The great 'pit' [hell] would only need to be about 100 miles or less in diameter to contain, with much room to spare, all the forty billion or so people who have ever lived, assuming their 'spiritual' bodies are the same size as their physical bodies."

The Birmingham News, April 10, 1987 had an article entitled "Earth's Center Hotter Than Sun's Surface, Scientists Say". The article stated that scientists have recently discovered, "***THE EARTH'S INNER CORE HAS A TEMPERATURE OF OVER 12,000 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT!***"

(Num 16:32-33) The account of people falling into hell alive

"And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation."

Caspar Peucer, a famous 14th century astronomer & physician, researched & documented the volcano eruptions at Heklafell: wrote some very frightening information in his research findings.

Peucer, claims as these volcanoes erupted:

"Out of the bottomless abyss of Heklafell, or rather out of Hell itself, rise melancholy cries and loud wailings, so that these can be heard for many miles around. . . there may be heard in the mountain fearful howlings, weeping and gnashing of teeth."

"The fearsome noises that issued from some of their volcanoes were certainly thought to be the screams of tormented souls in the fires of hell below".

(Haraldur Sigurdsson, Melting the Earth, *The History of Ideas on Volcanic Eruptions*, p. 73)

Inside this earth, this very moment, there are Billions of lost, tormented souls, burning, weeping, wailing, **without any hope whatsoever!**

(Mk 9:46) Jesus Christ says about hell: *"Where **THEIR WORM** dieth not, & the fire is not quenched"*

Jesus said explicitly, **THEIR** worm, not a worm, or the worm, *but **THEIR** worm.*

The earth's crust on land is normally 50 miles thick. Some places on the ocean floor, the earth's crust is less than 1mi thick.

Scientists recently discovered cracks where fire was leaking out. Do you know what they found around these fire-breathing vents in the crust?

The book, *The Deep Sea*, by Joseph Wallace (p.39), *"Perhaps the strangest of ocean creatures recently discovered are Riftia, the giant tube **WORMS**. Measuring up to 8 feet in length, the worms are **ONLY FOUND NEAR DEEP SEA VENTS.**"*

The water their is so hot is would cook you.

Jesus Christ said, *"Where **THEIR WORM** dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."*

Worms will eat upon you, for ever.

(Is 66:24) *And they shall go forth, and **look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.***

And this will happen TO YOU if you die without the Lord Jesus Christ!

The world tries to extinguish the cries & reality of hell — the truth of hell echoes throughout our world.

We desperately pretend to cover our ears and ignore the "screams, the weeping, the wailing, the gnashing of teeth" but it is there. . . **And we know it.**

We refuse to accept such a place exist.

But it is there. And we know it.

Nothing we can do, nothing we can say, can erase the horror of hell from our minds.

It is there. And we know it.

(Rev 14:10) *"The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone*

Do you know what brimstone is? It's sulfur.
Do you know where sulfur or brimstone is found?
INSIDE THIS EARTH!

According to the book *Volcanoes* by Pierre Kohler (p. 43), when Mt. St Helens erupted in 1980 — 150,000 tons of sulfurous gas was ejected!

(Job 18:15, 21) The oldest book in the Bible, written 3,000 yr ago, & yet Job knew what science wouldn't know for years, *inside this earth is Brimstone!*

Nature magazine recently discovered (July 2002) what the Bible knew over 3,000 years ago. Inside this earth is "fire and brimstone":

"Volcanoes may be more like hell than anyone realized. Eruptions disgorge streams of molten sulphur, the brimstone of evangelical preachers, which burns up before it can be preserved for posterity, new research in the journal Geology shows". (Nature, Science Update, July 22, 2002)

It is humanly impossible to comprehend the Bible description of hell.

Nothing on earth can compare with it.

No nightmare could produce a terror to match hell.
No horror movie could describe it's fright.
No crime scene with all it's blood & gore could begin to match it's horror.

It will be beyond anything humanly imaginable!
The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. (Psalm 9:17)

YOU will see HELL. . .

YOU will smell HELL. . .

YOU will breathe HELL. . .

YOU will hear HELL. . .

YOU will feel HELL. . .

The Bible describes it as

Weeping (Matt 8:12),

Wailing (Matt 13:42),

Gnashing of teeth (Matt 13:50),

Darkness (Matt 25:30),

Flames (Luke 16:24),

Burning (Isa 33:14),

Torments (Luke 16:23),

Everlasting punishment!

(Matt 25:41) Jesus Christ says, *"Depart from me, ye cursed, into EVERLASTING FIRE,"*

(Matt 13:42) Jesus says: *"And shall cast them into a FURNACE OF FIRE: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."*

HELL IS FOREVER!

All who enter hell abandon all hope!

You are forever out of the Mind of God. Lam 4:16**

(Rev. 14:11) *"The smoke of their **TORMENT** ascendeth up for **EVER AND EVER**: and they have **NO REST DAY NOR NIGHT.**"*

The Bible warns of the eternal permanence of hell

Everlasting fire — Matthew 18:8, 25:41

Everlasting punishment — Matthew 25:46

Everlasting chains — Jude 1:6

Eternal damnation — Mark 3:29

Eternal judgment — Hebrews 6:2

Eternal fire — Jude 1:7

Unquenchable fire — Matthew 3:12

The fire that never shall be quenched; (Mk 9:43-48)

Fire unquenchable — Luke 3:17

Mist of darkness is reserved for ever — 2 Peter 2:17

The blackness of darkness for ever — Jude 1:13

We all love to believe in beautiful angels.

We all love to believe in the splendor's of heaven.

But why don't we believe in the bible about hell?

I have searched my Bible, I can not find one verse,
not one word of HOPE for someone in hell!
NOT ONE WORD!

The rich man in hell in Luke 16 **never** even asks to
get out — **He knew there was no way out!**
OH MY FRIEND – HELL IS FOREVER & EVER!

What could possibly be worth eternity in hell?

No wonder Jesus Christ warned so much about hell!
(Mk 8:36) *"For what shall it profit a man, if he shall
gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul?**"*

Jesus Christ took hell very seriously: (Mk 9:43-47)

***43** If thy hand offend thee, **cut it off**: it is better 4 thee
to enter into life maimed, than having 2 hands 2 go
into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched.*

***45** If thy foot offend thee, **cut it off**: it is better 4 thee
to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast
into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:*

***47** If thine eye offend thee, **pluck it out**: it is better
for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one
eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:*

Jesus Christ took hell so serious —

He could say without the slightest hesitation —

Remove your eye, Cut off your hand or foot,
IF that would keep you out of hell!

(Heb 9:27) *"And as it is appointed unto men once to
die, but after this **THE JUDGEMENT:**"*

it is appointed unto man once to die . . .
and one day — YOU will die . . .

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments . . .

As you leave your body, you realize something is happening. You hear a sound. . . getting louder and louder. . . screaming . . . weeping. . . wailing.

Terror and fear beyond anything you could imagine overtakes you.

"This can't be happening!" you scream.

Your nostrils are filling with the awful stench of burning flesh.

Your face ignites from the heat.

Flames are now blazing from your eyes, nostrils, ears, mouth — every opening in your body, flames are roaring out.

Your body is sizzling and crackling from the flames.

Your body is now madly thrashing & convulsing from the horrible pain. *"Why don't I die?"*, you scream.

You begin weeping & gnashing your teeth with the millions. *"When will this pain stop?"*

But you know it will never stop. . .

The darkness is so terrifying, it begins engulfing you

You feel something moving in the darkness. . .

something horrible is happening.

"No! No! This can't be happening" you scream

— as your worm emerges & Feeds upon you.

You begin cursing the day you were born.

You scream *"Oh God, why didn't you warn me?"*

but you remember the preacher pleading with you to receive Jesus Christ.

You remember reading that gospel tract.

You cry *"God don't you care?"* but you remember (John 3:16) *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, . . ."*

"God is a God of love, He won't allow this", but you remember (John 3:36) *"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; **but the wrath of God abideth on him.**"*

And you soon realize, that Jesus Christ was right!

There is a place called hell.

AND YOU ARE THERE — FOREVER!

Yes, God is a **GOD OF LOVE**, but God is also a **HOLY GOD**.

A HOLY GOD demands payment for sin. Otherwise God would NOT & could NOT be HOLY (Rm 6:23)

Because God is holy — sin MUST be condemned.

(Josh 24:19) *"And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins."*

BUT FRIEND I HAVE GOOD NEWS!

God does NOT want you in hell

Hell was not made for man.

(Matt 25:41) ***"prepared for the devil and his angels***

Because God is a **GOD OF LOVE**, and He **LOVED YOU** so much, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to this earth to die a cruel death on a cross to pay the price a **HOLY GOD** demands for your sins.

(Rom 5:8) ***"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."***

God does not send someone to hell.

You choose hell when you reject Jesus Christ. When you refuse God's gift of eternal life in Christ, **YOU CHOOSE HELL!**

Millionaire Ted Turner, said in an interview, ***"I'm looking forward to dying and being cast into Hell. That's where I belong."*** You say — he's a fool!

But when you say **"No"**; to Jesus Christ and His payment for your sin, you are saying the same thing!

You're telling God, I don't need Jesus Christ, I'll pay for my sins in hell!

Our sins will be pardoned at the cross, or paid for in hell.

(Josh 24:15) says to choose, ***"And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; ...but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."***

(Ex 32:26) ***"Moses said, Who is on the LORD's side? let him come unto me."*** - It's a choice!

Dr. Rawlings has watched as 1000's of people depart into eternity. Most people think they'll somehow "sneak" into heaven, but Dr. Rawlings claims most people descend into the flames of hell!

Jesus Christ gave a solemn warning in (Matt 7:21-23) ***"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."***

If it was for a few days, a few months, a few years or even a million years, ***but to be tormented Forever!***

You will despair of ever having any deliverance!
You will beg for death to come & take you away!
You will curse the day you were born!

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No wonder Jesus Christ said in (Mark 8:36-37) "*For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*"

Friend, there is a place called hell!
If you continues to refuse God's gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ, **ONE DAY YOU WILL WAKE UP IN HELL!**

Don't wait until you die to find out the truth @ Hell!
Tomorrow may be too late!
(Prov 27:1) "*Boast not thyself of tomorrow: for thou **KNOWEST NOT** what a day may bring forth.*"
105 people every minute, since you started listening this — **2000+ people have gone into eternity!**
Automobile accidents, Heart attacks, Strokes.

One thing is certain, you will DIE, the death rate is 1 per person. Today. . . tomorrow . . . a week. . . a month . . . a year. . . 5 years. . . 10 years. . . 20 years. . . 50 years — **ONE THING IS CERTAIN "** . . . *it is appointed unto man once **TO DIE** . . ."*

DON'T BE CAUGHT DEAD WITHOUT JESUS!

You may have made some terrible mistakes in life.

There may be some things you would give anything to be able to change.

*But friend, I assure you — if you die without Jesus Christ — **it'll be the worst mistake you could possibly make!***

*Has there ever come **a time and a place** in your life, when you received Christ as your personal Savior?
If not, you are on the way to hell!*

Don't let anyone convince you that when you die it will be all over! The Bible says in (Heb 9:27) "*And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this **The Judgement.**"*

If you've never received Jesus Christ as your Savior, bow your head this minute and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to save you. **Don't put it off another second!**

NOTHING'S WORTH TAKING THE CHANCE!

It's simple to be saved ...

• **Realize you are a sinner.**

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:" Romans 3:10

"... for there is no difference. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" Romans 3:23

• **Realize you CAN NOT save yourself.**

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; ..." Isaiah 64:6

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, ..." Titus 3:5

• **Realize that Jesus Christ died on the cross to pay for your sins.**

"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, ..." (1 Peter 2:24)

"... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood," (Rev 1:5)

• **Simply by faith receive Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.**

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" John 1:12

"...Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:30,31)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE SAVED?

Pray this prayer, and mean it with all your heart.

Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and unless you save me I am lost forever. I thank you for dying for me at Calvary. I come to you now, Lord the best way I know how, and ask you to save me. I now receive you as my Savior. In Jesus Christ Name, Amen.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation;" (Heb 2:3)

Christians What about our Family and Friends?

The Rich man in hell pleaded with Abraham to send someone to his family to tell them how to avoid Hell.

Today, there are Billions of people crying out for a Missionary to go to their family.

They cannot Go, But We can!

We are a Dead Man's Missionary!!!

Will Our Family, Friends, & Neighbors Cry in Hell

(Jer 8:20) The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.

(Psa 142:4) I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

Will Our Family, Friends, & Neighbors Cry our name at the Great White Throne? (Rev 20:12-15)