

## WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?

### INTRODUCTION:

- A. In the Bible, we read of only “2 eternal destinies” that man can possibly receive; “HEAVEN or HELL.”
- B. And these 2 places as they are described in the Bible are complete opposites from one another as to their nature.
  - 1. “Heaven” is the “most beautiful & most wonderful place that you can imagine.”
  - 2. “Hell” is the “most dreadful & the ugliest place that you can ever imagine.”
- C. Whether you go to Heaven or Hell “has been left totally up to you!” (2 Cor. 5:10; Mt. 25:46; Jn. 5:28-29)
- D. God has done His part to make it possible for each one of us to make it to Heaven when we die! (Jn. 3:16-17; Jn. 15:13; Eph. 3:5-6; Rev. 22:17)
- E. And so the question to you today is this: “WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?”
- F. Let us take a closer look at what the Bible says about the subject of “Heaven & Hell.”

### WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS HEAVEN GOING TO BE?

- 1. Heaven is described as a “place of great beauty.” (Rev. 21:10-21)
- 2. Heaven is described as a “place of great joy.” (Matt. 25:21)
- 3. Heaven is a “place of righteousness.” (2 Pet. 3:13)
- 4. Heaven is a “place of rest.” (Rev. 14:13; Heb. 4:9)
- 5. Heaven is a “place of glory, honor, immortality, and peace.” (Rom. 2:7-10)
- 6. Heaven is a “place where there is no more tears, death, sorrow, or crying.” (Rev. 21:4)
- 7. Heaven is the “place of God’s presence.” (Rev. 22:1-5)

### HEAVEN WILL BE THE GREATEST PLACE THAT YOU AND I COULD EVER WANT TO BE!

### WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS HELL GOING TO BE?

- 1. The word “Hell” comes from the Greek word “gehenna” which has reference to a place in the Bible called the “valley of Hinnom.”
- 2. It is spoken of in 2 Kings 23:10 as a place of the “idolatrous practise of burning children in sacrifice”

to the god Molech.” It became to the Jews a “place where garbage was dumped and it was said to be constantly burning.”

3. Jesus uses this place to describe the “character and nature of Hell” as the “final place of punishment for the wicked.”
4. The word “gehenna/Hell” is used thirteen times in the New Testament; 12 of those times by Jesus Himself.
5. What kind of place is Hell going to be?
  - a. “There will be weeping & gnashing of teeth.”  
(Matt. 13:41-42)
  - b. “Blackness of darkness forever.”  
(Jude 13)
  - c. “A place of everlasting punishment.”  
(Matt. 25:46; 2 Thes. 1:9)
  - d. “Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” (Mark 9:43-48)
  - e. “Tribulation and anguish.” (Rom. 2:9)
  - f. “A place of torment.” (Rev. 14:10-11)
  - g. “A lake burning with fire and brimstone.”  
(Rev. 20:10; Rev. 21:8)
6. In spite of the dramatic contrast between the nature of Heaven and Hell, there is one way in which they are both exactly alike; they “both last FOREVER!” (Matt. 25:46)
7. If you end up going to Hell, you will have “no one to blame but yourself!” (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9)
8. And so the question to you is this: “WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?”  
(We are all just a heartbeat away from eternity!)
9. Keep in mind that “our eternal destiny is forever sealed at the time of our death.”  
(Lk. 16:26)

#### CONCLUSION:

- A. Remember that your “eternal destiny is determined by how you live your life on Earth.” (2 Cor. 5:10; Mt. 25:46; Jn. 5:28-29)
- B. Please do not let the “suffering and death of Jesus be in vain as far as you are concerned!”
- C. THE INVITATION!

#### WHERE WILL YOU SPEND ETERNITY?

There are only “2 eternal destinies” spoken of in the Bible.

1. Heaven is the “most beautiful & most wonderful place you can imagine.”

2. Hell is the “ugliest & most dreadful place you can imagine.”

Whether you go to Heaven or Hell “has been left up to you!”  
(2 Cor. 5:10; Jn. 5:28-29)

#### WHAT IS HEAVEN LIKE?

1. A “place of great beauty.”
2. A “place of great joy.”
3. A “place of righteousness.”
4. A “place of rest.”
5. A “place of glory, honor, immortality, and peace.”
6. A “place where there are no more tears, death, sorrow, or crying.”
7. The “place where God dwells.”

#### WHAT IS HELL LIKE?

1. “Weeping & gnashing of teeth.”
2. “Blackness of darkness forever.”
3. “Everlasting punishment.”
4. “Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”
5. “Tribulation and anguish.”
6. A “place of torment.”
7. A “lake burning with fire and brimstone.”