

Revelation 20—part 6 Verses 14-15 continued From sermon 3.24.19

Read *Revelation 20:11-15*

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: <u>Everyone at the Great White Throne</u> Judgment is found guilty (even believers are guilty, but price was paid). All sin carries the death penalty. For the unredeemed, that means eternity in Hell/Lake of Fire. Despite some misconceptions, hell is unimaginable, conscious torment. There is no end by final death or by completed sentence.

Brainstorm and list some common misconceptions/beliefs about hell. (focus on history & culture. We'll cover church false teaching next week): <u>Various answers. But, include: there is no hell, because there is no God. There may be a hell, but only the worst go there...certainly not me. There are scales in judgment to see if your good deeds outweighed your bad ones. Hell is just a state of mind = being lost/lack of purposed in this life. God's just going to forgive everyone in the end.</u>

One of the most prolific biblical descriptions of Hell is that it is a place of D<u>arkness</u> See *Jude 13, Matthew 8:12, Matthew 25:30, 2 Peter 2:4 & 17*

Further evidence is how God used darkness in judgment throughout history. See also *Exodus 10:21-22, Matthew 27:45-46, & Revelation 16:10*

How does darkness add to the terror and solitude of Hell? Various answers

What did Jesus endure, on our behalf, that teaches us about the hell we've been delivered from? <u>Solitude (everyone deserted Him)</u>, prolonged day of agony, unquenchable thirst, shame, torture, pain, separation from the Father, scorn, slow death...

The sermon also covered that hell/judgment has Degrees of Punishment. What was/is your thoughts on that teaching? Various personal answers. See also 2 *Peter 2:21, John 19:11, & Luke 12:47-48* (also the fact that there are degrees of reward in heaven)

Why was it also said that this truth should provide us no peace? <u>Hell is still hell. The least</u> punished person there is still in terrible, eternal agony and suffering. It only confirms that God is just.

Eventually, we'll cover the doctrine that, in glory, God will wipe every tear from our eyes. We conclude part of that is erasing our memory of our earthly life. But, on Sunday, we stated that part of hell is a perfectly *intact memory*. How does add to the torment of judgment? <u>Various personal answers</u>. The lost will forever remember all their sin. They'll have to reflect on lost opportunities that would have changed their destiny.

How should our understanding of hell affect our:

- Daily life—
- Worship—
- Service/Ministry—
- View of the Lost—