

How Does The Bible Describe Hell?



To Get Saved

If you do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, I encourage you today to do so. Repent and believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sins and took your punishment upon Himself, was buried and on the third day rose from the grave. If you give your life to Jesus by accepting what He did for you, He will give you eternal life. Call on Jesus Christ today for the salvation of your soul.

John 3:16, *For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

**Pray this prayer if you want to follow
Jesus today and be forgiven of all your
sins**

Make these words your own

Father in heaven, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I confess Lord that I'm a sinner and only through You Lord Jesus can my sins be forgiven. I believe that You died for my sins on the cross and on the third day You rose from the grave. Forgive me for all the bad things I have done and save me today. I want to follow You for the rest of my life so that I may do Your will, In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

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How Did Jesus Describe Hell?



Before I get into the study about Hell, I want to explain the differences between Hades and Gehenna, so one can know that they are different places.

Hades

Hades is described as a place, an invisible realm, where the spirits of people go after they die (see **Luke 16:22-23**).

Gehenna

The name Gehenna derives from the place called the valley of Hinnom. It is a valley that's west and south of Jerusalem. It was a place where the people would dump their garbage and dead bodies in a fire that was always burning. According to Strong's #1067, Gehenna is the second death—the Lake of Fire, where Hades and Death will be cast into for all eternity. On Judgment Day, if anyone's name is not written in the Book of Life, they too will be thrown into the Lake of Fire (see **Revelation 20:11-15**).

Everyone (believers and unbelievers) who died before the crucifixion of Christ went to Hades, but after His death and resurrection, believers who die go to be with the Lord (**Philippians 1:23**). Now in Hades, there were two places distinct one from the other, like day and night. There was a chasm, an abyss of a ravine that separated the righteous from the condemned. Let's see this more in detail in the Scriptures and what occurs in both places.

Luke 16:19-21 BSB

19 Now there was a rich man dressed in purple and fine linen, who lived each day in joyous splendor. 20 And a beggar named Lazarus lay at his gate, covered with sores 21 and longing to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

In the whole context of the chapter, which I won't be able to go through it, the Lord Jesus Christ was speaking to those who would make money their God—taking the place of God in their hearts, and the consequence would result in going to Hades, where the rich man went.

Luke 16:22-24 BSB

22 One day the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. And the rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham from afar, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. For I am in agony in this fire.'

Both of these men—Lazarus and the rich man, when they died, went to the same place in Hades, but one went to be at the side of Abraham the patriarch. Lazarus

was escorted by an angel from God and was comforted in Paradise. The rich man, however, went to the side where the fires were to suffer. While he was alive, he lived lavishly for himself and knew that Lazarus needed help. He didn't provide him with food and clothing, showing an absence of God in his heart through faith. Hades, in verse 23, teaches that it is a place of torment with fire revealing it by flames which caused his extreme thirst.

The righteous couldn't cross over to those in torment if they wanted to, and neither could those in Hades cross over to the other side. Hades is a place where people who reject Jesus as Lord and savior end up until the second death, the Lake of Fire. Nowhere in this illustration did the Scriptures indicate complete annihilation after being there for some time.

Luke 16:27-31 BSB

27 'Then I beg you, father,' he said, 'send Lazarus to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also end up in this place of torment.' 29 But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let your brothers listen to them.' 30 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone is sent to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 Then Abraham said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.' "

That place was so terrible that the rich man begged Abraham to send Lazarus from the dead (to resurrect him) to warn his family of the reality of Hades so they won't end up in that place with him. You can see that in Hades, those undergoing the torments by fire can still see, hear, smell, hunger, and thirst, indicating all of the human senses and desires still being active. Just like the rich man in the story,

we must have the desire to warn people to keep them from ending up in a place of torment, but sadly for the rich man, it was too late for him.

The reason why Abraham didn't ask the Lord to resurrect Lazarus to preach and warn his brothers of Hades was that they wouldn't believe him anyway. An example of this is seen after Jesus' resurrection—though some people heard it from first-eye witnesses, they still didn't believe in Him.

Gehenna (the Lake of Fire) is a place of eternal fire (**Revelation 14:9-11**) that will never end for those whose names are not found written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Let's see what Jesus said about Hell/Gehenna.

Mark 9:42-44 BSB

42 But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be thrown into the sea. 43 If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire.

Jesus is giving a strong warning about playing a role in deceiving or causing a believer to go astray. Hell is so awful that one will be judged according to his actions here on earth, and receive the degree of fire according to how sinful the person was (**Matthew 11:23-24**). The word here for Hell is Gehenna, the second death—where its fire will never go out. By Jesus using an illustration like cutting off a hand to stop sinning, it is for one to avoid this terrible place and to make it clear that if something means that much to you to sever ties with it because it's keeping you from getting

right with God to get saved through faith in Jesus Christ. It is not worth it, especially if it brings you to Hell.

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