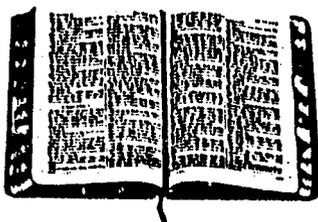


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“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for *reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*” (2 Timothy 3:16)

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## DO YOU HAVE AN OBEDIENT FAITH?

*Alien sinners are saved by faith!* Such passages as John 3:16; 3:36; John 5:24; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 10:43; 16:30; Rom. 3:25; 5:1-2; Eph. 2:8, etc. Every Bible believer understands and accepts this fact. However, none of the above Scriptures (or any other) teach that alien sinners are saved *by faith only*.

To be saved by faith some other things must accompany it. In other words, it must be a working faith. *Without works it is dead!* (See James 2:14-26). This is another way of saying that it must obey God. We learn in the Scriptures what the Lord requires of us in our obedience to Him.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is our Saviour! (See Mt. 1:21; Luke 2:11; Acts 5:31; 1 John 4:14; 3:16). He died on the cross for the sins of the world. (See Rom. 5:6-8; 1 Cor. 15:3; Rom. 5:9; Eph. 1:7, etc.).

To please and to have access into the grace of God and to be saved, it is essential that we have faith in God and in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. (See Heb. 11:6; John 20:30-31; Romans 5:1-2).

Since a faith without works is dead, passive, inactive. It will not save. To be alive, faith must work.

It must be active in obedience to God. (See Gal. 5:6; Mt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9).

Sinners do not have the right to decide what will please God, give them access into grace and save them. They must accept the conditions that God has already given in His Word. The doctrines of “grace only”, “faith only”, “pray the sinner’s prayer”, etc. are not taught in the Scriptures. They are all doctrines that originated in the minds of men. They cause people to remain lost. Faith must obey! (See Rom. 1:5).

To have a *saving faith* a sinner must receive his faith by hearing the Word of God. (See Rom. 10:17). His **faith** must cause him to *repent of his sins* according to Lk. 24:47; Acts 2:38; 17:30-32, etc. The sinner’s **faith** must cause him to *confess with his mouth Jesus as the Son of God, as truly being Lord* according to Rom. 10:9-10; Acts 8:37, etc. The sinner’s **faith** must cause him to *be baptized for the remission of sins* according to Acts 2:38; *To be saved* according to Mk. 16:16; *To get into Christ* according to Rom. 6:3-4 and Gal. 3:26-27.

*Do you have any obedient faith?* If not, you have no true hope of salvation. (CRS)

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ment that the inhabitants of *hell* will experience. In our fourth study we gave passages that use words (or expressions) like *mist or gloom of darkness, outer darkness, blackness of darkness, wailing (weeping) and gnashing of teeth* and *perdition* to describe what awaits or is in store for the wicked.

In our last article we gave three additional arguments that prove there is a place of torment called *hell*. They were I. JESUS WARNS US ABOUT HELL. II. JESUS DESCRIBES HELL and III. GOD CAN CAST THE WICKED INTO HELL.

As we resume our study let us consider some additional *Scriptural arguments* that *prove* that *there is a place of eternal torment for the wicked!*

## Editorial...

### HELL! IS THERE A PLACE OF ETERNAL TORMENT FOR THE WICKED? (NO. 6)

In our prior studies on the subject of *Hell*, it was pointed out that so-called "Jehovah's Witnesses", Seventh Day Adventists, Edward Fudge and other "Materialists" teach that *the wicked will not be tormented eternally*. They contend that the wicked will cease to exist or will be annihilated.

"Jehovah Witnesses" blaspheme the teaching that the wicked will be tormented eternally in a place called hell by calling it a "*God-dishonoring doctrine*" (Let God Be True, page 88). They assert, but they do not *prove* that such is the case.

In our first two studies it was *proven by the Scriptures* that there is a place called *Hell* where the wicked will be tormented. It was proven by referring to passages in which the word *hell* is used and passages which do not use the word *hell* but use words such as *fire, flaming fire, furnace of fire, lake of fire and brimstone, everlasting or eternal fire and unquenchable fire* to describe such a place.

In our third study we gave passages that use such words as *punishment, destruction, torment* and *suffering* to describe the *suffering* and *tor-*

IV. PUNISHMENT *WORSE THAN DEATH FOR THOSE WHO DO CONTRARY TO THE TEACHINGS OF THE SCRIPTURES*. In Heb. 10:26-31- "...But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: **Of how much sorer** [NKJV says "*worse*" & NEW WORLD TRANSLATION by the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of new York, Inc. says "*much more severe*") **punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? ...It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.**" Consider the following.

A. Physical death was given to those who despised Moses' law and disobeyed it. Physical death was carried out by various means and referred to in the Scriptures by various terms and expressions. For example, it was spoken of as:

1. "*Be put to death*" in such Scriptures as Exo.21:12-17; 31:14-15 & 35:2.

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(2) **"Be cut off"** in such passages as Lev. 17:14 and Lev. 20:17-18.

(3) **"Utterly be cut off"** in such passages as Numbers 15:31.

(4) **"Be utterly destroyed"** in such passages as Exo. 22:20 and Dt. 4:26.

(5) **"Be burnt with fire"** in such passages as Lev. 20:14.

(6) **"Be utterly burned with fire"** in 2 Sam. 23:7. NOTE: This passage has reference to the sons of Belial.

NOTE: All of the above passages refer to physical death. None of them refers to annihilation, ceasing to exist or going out of existence.

B. The wicked or evil ones described in Heb. 10:29 are worthy of **"much worse"** or **"more severe"** punishment than those who died for violating the law of Moses. **Much worse punishment** is the **vengeance** taken by the Lord. That is why **"it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."** NOTE: These expressions are used to impress Christians with the severity of God's wrath upon those who turn away from God. The **"punishment"** that a person receives is **"much worse"** or **"more severe"** than **being put to death, cut off, utterly cut off, burnt with fire, utterly burned with fire** or **utterly destroyed**.

C. **"A fearful thing"**, **"vengeance"** and **"much worse punishment"** are words that describe what awaits the wicked.

V. **THE LORD WILL TAKE VENGEANCE ON, RECOMPENSING TRIBULATION TO AND PUNISHING THOSE WHO DO NOT OBEY HIM.** In 2 Thess. 1:6-10 we read: **"Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be**

**punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power. When he shall come to be glorified in his saints..."** Please observe these facts.

A. **"Destruction"**, **"tribulation"**, **"vengeance"**, **"punished"** and **"from the presence of the Lord"** describe what awaits the wicked in **"flaming fire"**.

B. **"Destruction"** suggests ruin; **"loss of well-being, spiritually"** (not loss of being). It suggests **"the destruction which consists in the loss of eternal life, eternal misery, perdition, the lot of those excluded from the kingdom of God: Rev. xvii.8, 11, cf. xix.20; Phil. iii.19; 2 Pet. iii.16..."** (THAYER'S LEXICON, pages 70-71).

C. **"Tribulation"** suggests affliction. According to Webster's N.W.D. (El. Ed.) it means **"trouble and misery."**

D. **"Everlasting"** indicates the duration. It shows how long the **destruction, tribulation** and **punishment** will last.

OBSERVATION: Other passages refer to the above as **"hell"**.

VI. **THOSE WHOSE NAME ARE NOT WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE WILL BE CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE WHERE THE DEVIL, THE BEAST AND FALSE PROPHET WILL BE.** In Rev. 20:10 we read: **"And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever."** NOTE: This verse says that the devil, the beast and the false prophet will be tormented day and night forever and ever in the lake of fire and brimstone. Clear, isn't it?

Rev. 20:11-13 pictures a judgment scene in which the dead, small and great, shall stand before God and be judged out of those things which are written in the books, according to their works. The people who were

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buried at sea and the dead represented by the expression "Death and Hades" (NKJV) "were judged every man according to their works."

Rev. 20:14-15 says: "And Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (NKJV)

OBSERVATIONS:

1. Obviously "the lake of fire" of verses 14 & 15 is "the lake of fire and brimstone" of verse 10. No doubt, it is the "everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" into which the wicked (the "cursed") will be told to depart into "everlasting punishment" in Mt. 25:41-46.

2. No doubt, "the lake of fire and brimstone" of these verse is "hell, the fire that never shall be quenched; where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched" of Mark 9:45-46.

3. No doubt, these verses are describing the place where the

wicked will be worthy of much worse punishment than physical death (by beating or hanging) as shown in Hebrews 10:28-31.

4. If "the lake of fire and brimstone" is not "hell, the fire that never shall be quenched..." it is obvious that we must conclude that both "hell, the fire that never shall be quenched" and "the lake of fire and brimstone" exist. So there would be *two places of fire* into which the wicked will go and be tormented forever and ever! (See Rev. 14:10-11; 20:10; Mt. 25:41-46; Rev. 21:8). (CRS)

(To be continued)

A THOUGHT WORTHY OF MEDITATION

"A person must not blindly, gullibly, or unqualifiedly accept every statement in any lexicon, grammar, or commentary." (Ron Daly in With All Boldness, Dec., 2000)

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Our best preparation for tomorrow is the proper use of today.

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It is important for people to know what you stand for and what you won't stand for.

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