

Jesus Taught about Hell, Gehenna, the Lake of Fire

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In Matthew 25, Jesus taught three messages. The first, in verses 1 to 13, is about the wise and foolish virgins and our need to be ready and prepared for His coming. Failure to be ready, meant that person was shut out of the marriage feast.

The second, verses 14 to 30, is about using the gifts or talents that He has given to us, His servants, to extend His Kingdom. Failure to use the gift or talent, meant that person was cast into outer darkness, with weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The third, in verses 31 to 46, is to the people of all nations, about the importance of caring for the needs of the Lord's brethren. Matthew 25:40, Mark 9:41, Romans 10:1, 2, Romans 11:1, 2, Hebrews 6:10.

The Lord's brethren are those of the nation of Israel and those who are in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is His Body.

In this third teaching the Lord separates the nations into the "sheep" and the "goats".

The sheep are those who ministered to Jesus by caring of the needs of His people.

The goats are those who did not minister to Jesus by caring for the needs of His people.

The sheep He had on His right hand and the goats He put on His left hand.

Jesus said to the sheep, "Come ye blessed of My Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world".

But to the goats on His left hand He said, "Depart from Me ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels".

We need to take seriously the words of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are not complicated. Mark 12:37, Luke 13:17.

Jesus taught clearly and specifically about hell, the lake of fire. (in the Greek – geenna, or Valley of Hinnom ,or Gehenna, as in Young's Concordance).

The references: in the KJV,

Matthew 5:22, 29, 30, (hell fire, hell, hell),

Matthew 10:28, (hell),

Matthew 18:8, 9, (everlasting fire, hell fire),

Matthew 23: 15, 33, (hell, hell),

Mark 9:43, (hell, into fire that never can be quenched),

Mark 9:44: (where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched),

Mark 9:45, (hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched),

Mark 9:46, (where their worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched),

Mark 9:47, (hell fire),

Mark 9:48, (where their worm dieth not and their fire is not quenched).

Luke 12:5, (hell).

James 3:6 – the same word is used by James in describing the tongue as a fire, (on fire of hell).

In Jesus teaching, His description of the burning of the tares, is that they shall be cast into a furnace of fire. Matthew 13:42.

In Jesus teaching on the sheep and the goats, He says to the goats, "Depart from Me , ye cursed, into the everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and His angels." Matthew 25:41, and in verse 46, it is, "everlasting punishment."

If you are wondering about how long "everlasting" and "eternal" are, in Matthew 25:46, where both words in the Greek are "aionios", Refer to Vines, "Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words", under the heading "Eternal".

In 2Thessalonians 1:9, it says that those who do not know God, and do not obey the Gospel will be punished with everlasting destruction.

In Hebrews 10:39, it says that those who draw back, shall do so unto perdition/destruction.

Speaking of the unrighteous in Jude 13, it says that the blackness of darkness is reserved for them for ever.

In Revelation 19:20 it says that the beast and the false prophet were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

In Revelation 20:10 it says the devil was cast into the Lake of fire and brimstone.

In Revelation 20:14 it says that death and hell were cast into the Lake of fire.

In Revelation 21:8 it says that the fearful and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murders, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

In Mark 12:37 it says, "And the common people heard Him gladly." Jesus spoke so that all people can understand. You and me.