

“What About Hell?”

Is hell real?

How long will hell last?

If hell is real and you go to hell, can you go to heaven later?

Three Different Views of Hell

Traditional View

Matthew 25:31-46 NLT

“But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

“Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’

“Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a drink. I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn’t give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’

“Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’

“And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’”

“And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”

Annihilationism

Universalism

What did Jesus teach about heaven and hell?

Matthew 13:47-50 NLT

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away. That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

All the fish were gathered up and then sorted. The good fish are kept, and the bad fish thrown away.

Emotional **Suffering** “gnashing of teeth”

Physical **Suffering** “fiery furnace” “fire”

Revelation 14:11 NLT

“The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name.”

Matthew 3:12 NLT

“He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire.”

Relational **Suffering**

Matthew 22:13 NLT

Then the king said to his aides, “Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Matthew 25:30 NLT

“Now throw this useless servant into **outer darkness**, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

Spiritual **Suffering**

Revelation 9, 11, 17, 20 “a bottomless pit”

2 Thessalonians 1:9 NLT

They will be punished with eternal destruction, **forever separated from the Lord** and from his glorious power.

Matthew 13:51 NLT

Do you understand all these things?” “Yes,” they said, “we do.”

Why believe in hell?

Jesus **taught** about hell

God is a God of **Justice**

Romans 2:5-6 NLT

But because you are stubborn and refuse to turn from your sin, you are storing up terrible punishment for yourself. For a day of anger is coming, when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed. He will judge everyone according to what they have done.

God so loved the world he sent his only son to die and **save us**

John 3:16-17 NLT

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”

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Love Justice

Romans 2:4 NLT

Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?