

Lesson 54: What and Where is Hell?, Part 2

Memory Verse: "For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act." Isaiah 28:21

IV. God's Strange Act

1. For whom are the fires of hell intended? Matthew 25:41 "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, _____ from me, ye _____, into everlasting _____, **prepared for** the _____ and his _____."

2. The Bible tells us in 1 John 4:16: "And we have known and believed the _____ that _____ hath to us. _____ **is** _____; and he that dwelleth in _____ dwelleth in _____, and God in him." It tells us clearly that GOD IS _____.

3. We know that "God **so** _____ the _____, that he _____ his only begotten _____, that _____ believeth in him should not _____, but have _____ life." John 3:16 God loved the world so much that He did something very, very loving to save people from the wages of sin. He sent His only begotten Son to bear the second death for them. But the only ones who can have this death count for their sins are those who _____ in Him. This means that we put our trust fully in Christ. When we trust, we also obey.

4. Romans 5:8 tells us: "But God _____ his _____ toward _____, in that, _____ we were yet _____, Christ _____ for _____." And Romans 5:6 says: "For when _____ were yet without _____, in due time Christ _____ for the _____." Christ died to show us the greatness of God's love for us. He didn't wait until we repented. He died for the U_____. He died for S_____. He died for those without S_____.

5. But Christ didn't die for the ungodly so that they could keep being ungodly. He died to make a way for them to **become godly**. This is what He will do for all who believe in Him. He came to earth to "S_____ His people _____ their _____." Mat. 1:21.

6. 2 Peter 3:9 tells us that "The Lord is not _____ concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is _____ to us-ward, not _____ that **any** should _____, but that _____ should come to _____."

Why has Jesus not come back yet? He does not want any of us to P_____. He is L_____ to us, waiting for us to still come to R_____ before it is too late.

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7. God does not want His children to end up in the fires of hell to be destroyed. He tells us in Ezekiel 33:11 "Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have _____ pleasure in the _____ of the _____; but that the wicked _____ from his _____ and _____: turn ye, _____ ye from your _____ ways; for _____ will ye _____, O house of Israel?" God does not have any _____ in the death of the wicked.

8. But He cannot allow sin to continue in this universe forever. Nahum 1:9 tells us: "What do ye imagine _____ the Lord? he will make an _____ end: _____ shall _____ rise _____ the _____ time."

9. What does sin bring to us? Romans 2:9 "T_____ and _____, upon _____ soul of man that doeth _____, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile."

Note: As long as there is sin in the world, there will be affliction. Sin brings sickness, sorrow, suffering, pain, and death. God has no desire for us to continue to experience any of these, but the only way to get rid of sickness, sorrow, suffering, pain, and death is to get rid of sin. God is able to consume sin. He will consume all sin out of the universe. But, before He does that, He invites us to allow Him to consume sin out of our **hearts**, so that **we** will not be consumed **with** our sins at the last day. At **that** time God will make an **utter** end of sin wherever it is found.

10. The prophet Isaiah had declared that the Lord would cleanse His people from their iniquities "by the spirit of _____, and by the spirit of _____." Isaiah 4:4 (last part)

The word of the Lord to Israel was, "I will turn My hand upon thee, and purely _____ away thy _____, and take _____ all thy _____" Isaiah 1:25. To **sin**, wherever found, "our God is a _____." Heb. 12:29.

Note: "In all who **submit** to His power the Spirit of God will **consume sin**. But if men **cling** to sin, they become identified with it. **Then the glory of God, which destroys sin, must destroy them**. Jacob, after his night of wrestling with the Angel, exclaimed, "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." Gen. 32:30. Jacob had been guilty of a great sin in his conduct toward Esau; **but he had repented**. His transgression had been forgiven, and his sin purged; therefore he could endure the revelation of God's presence. But wherever men came before God while **willfully** cherishing evil, they were destroyed. **At the second advent of Christ the wicked shall be consumed 'with the Spirit of His mouth,' and destroyed 'with the brightness of His coming.'** 2 Thess. 2:8. The light of the **glory** of God, which imparts **life** to the righteous, will **slay** the wicked." DA 107.4

"**Only** through the **surrender of our will to God** is it possible for Him to impart life to us. Only by receiving **His** life through **self-surrender** is it possible, said Jesus, for these **hidden sins**, which I have pointed out, to be overcome. It is possible that you may bury them in your hearts and conceal them from human eyes, but **how will you stand in God's presence?**" MB 61.2

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"If you cling to self, refusing to yield your will to God, **you are choosing death**. To sin, wherever found, God is a consuming fire. **If you choose sin, and refuse to separate from it, the presence of God, which consumes sin, must consume you.**" MB 62.1

11. Because of sin in the world, even the righteous suffer affliction. But there is one major difference. When we suffer affliction, we have the presence of Jesus with us and this makes the affliction _____, according to 2 Corinthians 4:17. "For our _____ affliction, which is but for a _____, worketh for us a far _____ exceeding and _____ weight of _____." Not only is it light, but it is only a short time until Jesus comes. Compared with the eternity that we will have with never another affliction, the afflictions of this earth are really only for a M_____. If we are willing to endure this, we will have a far more exceeding and _____ weight of _____. It **is** worth it!!!!

12. If we choose to live life on our own, we will suffer affliction on our own too. Besides that, we will miss out on the exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Instead, what will be the end of such a life? Revelation 20:15 "And whosoever was _____ found written in the book of _____ was cast into the _____ of _____."

13. Jesus does not want this for us! He did not come to the earth so that we would die in our sins. He said: "For the Son of man is _____ come to _____ men's lives, but to _____ them." Luke 9:56 He wants to save you! This is what **He** wants for you! But will **you** let Him???

14. There will come a time when all have made their final decision: either they will continue to serve God, or they will continue to rebel against Him and choose their own way. The Bible tells us in Revelation 22:11 that at that time Jesus will proclaim: "He that is _____, let him be unjust _____: and he which is _____, let him be filthy _____: and he that is _____, let him be righteous _____: and he that is _____, let him be holy _____."

15. And then, at the right time, "the Lord shall _____ up as in mount Perazim, he shall be _____ as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his _____, his _____ work; and bring to pass his _____, his _____ act." Isaiah 28:21

It is strange for our God to have to rise up and consume sinners in the lake of fire, but they have chosen to have their own way, so they could never be happy in heaven.

Note: "Could those whose lives have been spent in rebellion against God be suddenly transported to heaven and witness the high, the holy state of perfection that ever exists there, – every soul filled with love, every countenance beaming with joy, enrapturing music in melodious strains rising in honor of God and the Lamb, and ceaseless streams of light flowing upon the redeemed from the face of Him who sitteth upon the throne, – could those whose hearts are **filled with hatred of God**, of truth and holiness, mingle with the heavenly throng and join their songs of praise?"

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Could they endure the glory of God and the Lamb? No, no; years of probation were granted them, that they might form characters for heaven; but **they have never trained the mind to love purity**; they have never learned the language of heaven, and now it is too late. **A life of rebellion against God has unfitted them for heaven.** Its purity, holiness, and peace would be torture to them; the glory of God would be a consuming fire. They would long to flee from that holy place. They would **welcome destruction**, that they might be hidden from the face of Him who died to redeem them. The destiny of the wicked is fixed by their own choice. Their exclusion from heaven is **voluntary with themselves, and just and merciful on the part of God.**" GC 542.2

"Like the waters of the Flood the fires of the great day declare God's verdict that **the wicked are incurable.** They have no disposition to submit to divine authority. Their will has been exercised in revolt; and when life is ended, it is **too late to turn the current of their thoughts in the opposite direction, too late** to turn from transgression to obedience, from hatred to love." GC 543.1

16. When sin is finally forever eradicated from the universe, then the promise of Revelation 21:4 will be fulfilled: "And God shall wipe away all _____ from their eyes; and there shall be

no more _____,
neither _____,
nor _____,
neither shall there be any more _____:

for the _____ things [sin which caused all the trouble] are passed away."

So, let's review the questions we want to answer:

17. Where are the wicked now?

They are in their _____ . John 5:28,29

They do not live again until the 1000 years are _____ . Rev. 20:5

18. When are they judged?

They are judged at the E_____ of the W_____ . Matthew 13:39

They are judged in the L_____ . John 12:48

Their final judgment will be after the 1000 years when they are resurrected.

They stand before God's _____. They are judged according to their _____, according to what is written in the _____. Rev. 20:5,11-13

19. What is their punishment?

Their punishment is to be cast into the _____ of _____. Rev. 20:15

20. How long does the fire last? Malachi 4:1,3

It lasts until all the wicked are burned _____ and turned to _____.

Then there is nothing more to burn, so the fire goes out.

21. What happens to the wicked?

They die the _____ death. Revelation 21:8

22. And where do the wicked spend eternity?

They spend eternity eternally _____. Romans 6:23