

This Place Called Hell

Revelation 21:6-8

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The subject that I have chosen today is a difficult subject and I've actually tried to talk myself out of preaching this message. And I'll tell you why.

It's not a happy message. I'd much rather say something about joy, about life, about victory, (and all of that needs to be preached too) but I am convinced that the missing message in today's church is the message concerning Hell. And I believe that we're reaping the benefits of failing to bring that message. Adrian Rogers Said, *"I believe the reason we have so much, so-called Hell in our world is because we have so little in our pulpits."*

I believe that we need to sound the alarm. And this message is a message to sound the alarm. And I want to say that I'm not speaking this morning primarily to the lost. Most lost people are not saved by hearing a message on Hell. Many are, but I'm preaching primarily to the church: those of us who are saved! Because so many times we fail to be properly motivated to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. One great motivation is the love of God that constrains us.

Another great motivation is, as Paul said, *"knowing The terror of the Lord we persuade men."* some of you have loved ones who are going to die and go to Hell unless you bring the message of salvation and the message of

redemption to them. And it is the church that needs to be warned. We need to be shocked out of our lethargy.

Now, again, I want to say that if I am a faithful preacher of the gospel of Jesus Christ, I'm going to have to preach the whole counsel of God. And I'm gonna have to preach as Jesus preached. And I want to remind you of this: Jesus Christ had more to say about the place called "Hell" than any other person in the Bible. Do you understand that?

Now listen to this scripture, revelation 21, verse Seven, *"he that overcometh shall inherit all things And I will be his God , and he shall be my son."* what a Wonderful promise that is!! But now listen to verse 8, *"but the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, And murderers, fornicators, and sorcerers, and Idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the Lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is The second death."*

The late, great Dr. Robert G. Lee said, *"I know some people call the preacher who stands squarely upon the teaching of Christ and his apostles narrow, harsh, cruel." then he said, "as to being narrow, I have no desire to any broader than was Jesus. As to being cruel, is it cruel to tell a man the truth? Is a man to be called cruel who declares the whole counsel of god and points out to men their danger? Is it cruel to arouse sleeping people to the fact that the house is on fire? Is it cruel to jerk a blind man away from the rattlesnake in the coil? Is it cruel to declare to people the deadliness of disease and tell them which medicine to take?" and then Dr. Lee said this; he said, "I had rather be called cruel for being kind, than to be called kind for being cruel."*

Now, as I deal with what God has to say about it, you can do several things.

Number one, you can reject it.

Number two, you can ignore it.

Number three, you can accept it and do something about it.

Now, friend, I don't want you to go to Hell, God Doesn't want you to go to Hell. I want to tell you, Dear friend, that God has placed a blockade on the Road to Hell, and the blockade that God has placed on The road to Hell is the cross of Jesus Christ. And if You go to Hell, listen, if you go to Hell, you'll have To climb over that cross to get there. God is lifting Up the blood-stained cross of the lord Jesus Christ And saying, "please, please, don't go to Hell!" God is Pleading for you today. Christ, with nail-pierced hands Is pleading for you today. The holy spirit of God is Pleading for you today. For you today. This preacher is pleading for you Today. And I'm begging you, in the name of Jesus, Don't go to Hell! Don't go to Hell!!! And if you have Loved ones that are lost, tell them about the lord Jesus.

Friend, soon and very soon we're going to meet the Lord. Again, I remind you, the Bible says there is but A step between me and death. And some who are Listening to me may be in Hell before the sun sets Today. Have you ever thought about it?

*Loved ones will weep o'er my silent face,
Dear ones will clasp me in sad embrace,
Shadows and darkness will fill the place,
Five minutes after I die.*

*Faces that sorrow, I will not see,
Voices that murmur, will not reach me,
But where, oh, where will my spirit be,
Five minutes after I die.*

*Naught to repair the good I lack,
Fixed to the goal of my chosen track,
No space to repent, no turning back,
Five minutes after I die.*

*Mated forever with my chosen throng,
Long is eternity, oh, so long,
Then woe is me if my soul be wrong,
Five minutes after I die.*

Three men were in a restaurant, one was a Christian, Two were ungodly men. They got in an argument, these Two who were ungodly. One man got so infuriated with The other man he put a finger in his face and said, "you go to

Hell!" it grieved the Christian who was Sitting there, but he said something I want to tell You. He just smiled and said to the friend who had Been told to go to Hell, he said, "listen," he said, "I have the instruction book," he said, "I've been Reading it. You don't have to go if you don't want To." huh, huh, I like that; you don't have to go if You don't want to! Jesus died to save you from Hell, with his blood he Paid your sin debt. Are you listening? Please listen! Please, listen! Your sin will be pardoned in Christ or Punished in Hell, but it will never be overlooked. Would you come to Christ? Would you trust him? "believe on the lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be Saved."

You don't have to go to Hell if you don't want To.