

## Heaven or Hell; The Choice is Yours

Matthew 7: 13-14 (NCV)

Enter through the narrow gate. The gate is wide and the road is wide that leads to hell, and many people enter through that gate. But the gate is small and the road is narrow that leads to true life. Only a few people find that road.

### Points to Consider

Heaven and Hell are real places with real eternal consequences for every person.

#### 1. Heaven is a place

...I will go on to visions and revelations from the lord. I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know- God knows. And I know that this man- whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know but God knows and was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things. Things that no one is permitted to tell.

2 Corinthians 12: 1c-4 (TNIV) See also 1 Corinthians 2:9

Your heart must not be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places. If not, I would have told you. I am going away to prepare a place for you. If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to myself so that where I am you may be also.

John 14: 1-3 (HCSB)

#### 2. Hell is a place

And the sea delivered up the dead that were in it, death and Hades (the state of death or disembodied existence) surrendered the dead in them...

Revelations 20: 13a (Amplified)

#### 3. Heaven is a place of joy

And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain for the former things have passed away.

Revelations 21: 3-4 (NKJV)

#### 4. Hell is a place of torment

And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the Kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hellfire- where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.

Mark 9: 47-48 (NKJV)

5. Heaven is a place of reward for faith in Jesus

Do not be surprised and wonder at this for the time is coming when all those who are in the tombs shall hear His voice. And they shall come out- those who have practiced doing good (will come out) to the resurrections of (new) life.

John 5: 28-29a (Amplified) See also Daniel 12: 2 and Romans 6: 23

6. Hell is a place of payment for sin

...And those who have done evil will be raised for judgment (raised to meet their sentence)

Then death and Hades (the place of death or disembodied existence) were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's (name) was not found recorded in the Book of Life, he was hurled into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20: 14-15 (Amplified)

Conclusion

The Lord is not slow in doing what He promised- the way some people understand slowness. But God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost, but he wants all people to change their hearts and lives.

2 Peter 3: 9 (NCV)

Remember

Lost people matter to God and they should matter to us.