



Secrets to Hope & Happiness Bible Study Series

When the Smoke Clears - 11

(1) IS HELL A PLACE OR AN EVENT? LET'S LOOK IN REVELATION 20-22 TO FIND OUT. WHAT MEDIUM WILL BE USED TO CLEANSE THE UNIVERSE FROM SIN, SUFFERING, AND DEATH? (VS 20:9, 10, 15)

WHERE WILL THE FIRE OF HELL BURN? (VS 20:9)

WHEN DOES IT OCCUR? (VS 20:7; ALSO READ 5-9)

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF HELL-FIRE? (VS 21:4; ALSO READ 21:7; 22:3, 12)

WHO AND WHAT WILL BE DESTROYED IN THE FIRE OF HELL? (VS 20:10, 14, 15; ALSO READ 21:8, 19-20; 22:15; MATTHEW 25:34-46)

HOW LONG WILL THE FIRE OF HELL BURN? (VS 20:9-10; ALSO READ 22:12)

The word translated “forever” is a relative term. For Jonah it was three days (Jonah 1:17; 2:6), for a slave it was a lifetime (Exodus 21:6), and for the wicked it is until they have received their just reward (Revelation 22:12). The Bible says everlasting “punishment” not “punishing” (Matthew 25:46). The wicked are “punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord” (2 Thessalonians 1:9). The effect is eternal not the event. Their punishment is to be destroyed and everlasting separation from the Lord. Even Satan will one day receive his fair punishment and he will burn no more (Ezekiel 28:18). The fire will one day cease and we will walk on the ashes of the wicked (Malachi 4:1-3). Our God is compassionate fair and just (Psalm 87:15; 89:14) and would not in cruelty burn someone for eternity for the sins committed in a short life time on this earth. We choose either eternal life with Him or death—separation from Him the Source of life. All receive a just

reward, endless burning is not given as an option (Romans 6:22-23).

(2) IN HIS LONG SUFFERING LOVE, WHAT IS GOD NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD DO?

2 Peter 3:9

(3) WHAT DOES GOD DESIRE FOR ALL MANKIND?

1 Timothy 2:3-4

(4) HOW DOES THE BIBLE DESCRIBE GOD'S FUTURE ACTION IN THE DESTRUCTION OF SIN AND ALL WHO CHOOSE TO CLING TO IT?

Isaiah 28:21-22

I realize that one glorious day God will destroy sin and suffering and it will never rise up again.

Circle One: Yes Undecided

I realize that the fire of hell is an event and not a place and it will occur on earth's surface & then go out.

Circle One: Yes Undecided

I now realize that the word "forever" is a relative term and, after each un-

(5) AS DESCRIBED IN JOHN 3:16-17, BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE FOR US, WHAT GREAT GIFT DID HE GIVE THAT EVERYONE SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE? (3:16)

WHAT SPECIFIC THING DID GOD NOT SEND HIS SON TO DO? (3:17)

(6) IN WHAT FOUR ACTIONS DOES GOD DEMONSTRATE HIS LOVE FOR THOSE WHO ACCEPT IT AND FOLLOW HIS PLAN FOR THEIR LIVES?

Psalm 103:3-4 (also read 1-14)

When that day of judgment has come no one will be able to say God could have done anything more to try to save them. He will not treat us as we deserve unless we choose to get what we deserve!

repentant sinner receives their just reward will be ashes upon the earth. Their punishment is eternal destruction and separation from God.

Circle One: Yes Undecided

I am glad God is love, desires for everyone to be saved, and He gave His Son so none would have to perish. I gratefully accept His priceless gift and will forever give Him praise.

Circle One: Yes Undecided

OTHER RELEVANT TEXTS: GOD'S MERCY = Nehemiah 9:17; 1 John 4:8; Romans 2:4; Luke 2:14; 9:56; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; 1 John 4:9-10; Romans 5:8; Psalm 31:19; Hebrews 9:12 "FOREVER" = 1 Samuel 1:22; 2:35; 1 Chronicles 28:4; Jeremiah 7:7; Philemon 15 = (rest of life); Revelation 14:11; 20:10; 19:3; 21:4 = (until destroyed). UNQUENCHABLE = Isaiah 34:8-10; 66:24; Mark 9:43-48; Matthew 3:12; Luke 3:17; Jeremiah 17:27 = Like the fire of Jerusalem, many are unquenchable but eventually burn out. DESTROYED = Isaiah 47:14-15; Malachi 4:1-3; Matthew 10:28; Job 31:3; Psalm 97:3; 92:7; Ezekiel 18:4, 20-22; Obadiah 1:16; Ezekiel 28:18 = After receiving reward all become ashes. ETERNAL = Jude 7; Luke 17:29-30; Hebrews 9:12; 6:2; Genesis 19:24; 2 Peter 2:6 = Sodom was burned with eternal fire but is now ashes and not still burning. EVERLASTING FIRE & PUNISHMENT = Mat 25:41, 46; 2 Thessalonians 1:9 = The effect of the punishment is everlasting not the event. Psalm 37:20-22, 34-38 = Wicked are cut off & destroyed. REWARD GIVEN ACCORDING TO WORKS = Matthew 16:27; Luke 12:47-47; Isaiah 3:10-11; Romans 6:23

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