

“A Place Called Hell”
Psalm 9:17

Introduction: Do you believe there is a place called Paris, France? Have you ever been there? Do you believe there is a place called London, England? Have you ever been there? Do you believe there is a place called Rome, Italy? Have you ever been there? It is amazing that although you may have never been to these places, you still believe that they exist. This is not the case with a place called hell. Many deny its existence and even try to explain it out of the Bible. To some, hell is only a cuss word, song, story, or a figment of one’s imagination. Regardless whether people believe or disbelieve its reality, there still is a place known as hell. As we search the Scriptures, in which hell is mentioned 54 times, and look at the Strong’s Dictionary, we find four words for hell. These are:

1. 7585 *sheowl* (31 times) abode of the dead; world of the dead (as if a subterranean retreat), including its accessories and inmates:—grave, hell, pit
2. 86 *hades* (10 times) place of the dead; unseen, the place (state) of departed souls:—grave, hell
3. 1067 *geenna* (12 times) valley of (the son of) Hinnom, fig. hell; a valley of Jerusalem, used (fig.) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment:—hell
4. 5020 *tartaroo* (1 time) to incarcerate in (eternal torment) Tartaros; (the deepest abyss of Hades):—cast down to hell

Webster’s 1828 Dictionary described hell as:

1. The place or state of punishment for the wicked after death.
2. The place of the dead, or of souls after death; the lower regions, or the grave; called in Hebrew, sheol, and by the Greeks, hades.
3. The pains of hell, temporal death, or agonies that dying persons feel, or which bring to the brink of the grave.
4. The gates of hell, the power and policy of Satan and his instruments.
5. A dungeon or prison.

Body: Hell is a place of torment. It is a place where a sinner will be separated, sentenced, suffering, and scared. Originally, hell was created for the Devil and his devils, but when a sinner rejects Christ, he or she will be turned into hell. This is a place of confinement where absolutely no one will escape. The company and conversations of hell will only be evil and wickedness. The Bible describes hell as a terrible place. Notice:

- I. The Destiny of Hell Psalm 9:17- “The wicked shall be turned into hell”
- II. The Departure into Hell Psalm 55:15- “let them go down quick into hell”
 - A. Brought Down Matthew 11:23
 - B. Cast Into Matthew 5:29
 - C. Went Down Into Ezekiel 31:16-17
 - D. Turned Into Psalm 9:17

- III. The Depths of Hell Proverbs 9:18- “her guests *are* in the depths of hell”
- IV. The Direction of Hell Proverbs 15:24- “that he may depart from hell beneath”
- V. The Deepness of Hell Proverbs 27:20- “Hell and destruction are never full”
- VI. The Devouring of Hell Isaiah 5:14- “Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure”
- VII. The Damnation of Hell Matthew 23:33- “how can ye escape the damnation of hell”
- VIII. The Description of Hell
 - A. Hell is a Pit Isaiah 14:15- “brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit”
 - B. Hell is a Punishment
 - 1. Punishment of Fire Matthew 18:9, Mark 9:43, 44, 45, 47
 - 2. Punishment of Feelings Luke 16:23
 - a. Sight Luke 16:23- “he lift up his eyes”
 - b. Suffering Luke 16:23-25, 28
 - (1) v. 23- “being in torments”
 - (2) v. 24- “I am tormented in this flame”
 - (3) v. 25- “thou art tormented”
 - (4) v. 28- “this place of torment”
 - c. Screaming Luke 16:24- “And he cried”
 - d. Supplication Luke 16:24- “have mercy on me”
 - e. Stress Luke 16:25- “remember”
 - f. Separation Luke 16:26- “And beside all this...”
 - g. Sending Luke 16:27-28- “send him”
- IX. The Deliverance of Hell Revelation 20:13-14- “death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them”

Conclusion: How can a person escape such an awful place? Ye must be born again! In order to avoid going to hell a sinner must repent of his or her sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. There must be a conversion. If there is no conviction over sin, change of our old man, and conforming to Christ, then there never was a conversion. Salvation in Christ Jesus is the only way to escape from hell. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire (Isaiah 33:14)?