



Matthew 13:47 | SCRIPTURE  
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Reality of Hell | SERMON

**Matthew 13:47 (NLT)** "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a fishing net that was thrown into the water and caught fish of every kind. **48** When the net was full, they dragged it up onto the shore, sat down, and sorted the good fish into crates, but threw the bad ones away. **49** That is the way it will be at the end of the world. The angels will come and separate the wicked people from the righteous, **50** throwing the wicked into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

**Jesus Christ said twice as much about hell as he did heaven.**

**Jesus spoke more of hell, than love.**

He spoke of hell more than all other writers combined.  
Jesus called hell, "the abode of the damned."

*THE WARNING JESUS GAVE (of hell)*

**Good & Evil Presently Grow Together.**

Note:~ For a time, God is allowing good and evil to grow together,  
but there is surely coming a judgment day, a separation day.~

The world is moving ever closer toward this division.

Every human life is moving toward their eternal destiny.

There is a paid day coming, for all the wrong that the sinners have done.

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I know most people believe in hell cause they're always telling people to go there.

**Luke 16:19-31 (NKJV)** "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. **20** But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, **21** desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **24** Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' **25** But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. **26** And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you

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cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' **27** Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, **28** for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' **29** Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' **30** And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' **31** But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

**There is very little preaching in the American pulpit today about hell.**

**If there was more preaching about hell in the pulpit there would be less of it in the streets.**

1st wonder of hell is -

**I. MOST IN OUR PROGRESSIVE TIME WOULD NOT DARE PREACH IT.**

**A. Hell is out of date by today's thinking,**

**1. Well, it may be out of date but not out of business.**

- a. Hell is the eternal home of everyone who rejects the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- b. You won't go to hell because you had a bad start; **you'll go if you have a bad finish!**

**2. Too many churches have become religious and lost!**

- a. **Why? Because of the unbelief in a place called hell.**
- b. When a child disobeys his/her parents knowing there will be no punishment they will go the limit.
- c. If he knows a paddle awaits his disobedience, he will be more apt to behave himself.
- d. If a man knows that he can rape, dismember and steal without punishment he goes the limit.
- e. But if he knew that there would be not only a prison or lethal injection but an eternal place called hell waiting for him he wouldn't dare do it!
- f. I don't think any murderer, rapist, liar, thief who knew the horror of **Luke 16** would ever do those things.

**And you and I will die and face God.**

- b. The rich man died and lifted up his eye toward heaven (lived with a knowledge of what he missed) and recognized Abraham (consciousness).

**NOTE:** I can imagine Satan himself looking at the rich man in hell saying "you fool, you sat in church, you sang the songs but you never served **Jesus**, now welcome home.

**3. Hell is a place of torment - this rich man was in torment.**

**Luke 16:24 (NKJV)** "...send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame."



- a. Just a short time before, he was rich and could have bought the best of wine,
- b. Now he begs for a simple drop of water and can't even get that.
- c. Yesterday he could have bought anything, now the table of God's law has turned.

NOTE: It is a place of memory "**son remember**" - that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.

**Remember** - all the opportunities given to accept Christ.

You will remember old times somebody told you about Jesus

**You remember all the excuses you gave why you could not serve Jesus**

You will remember every time the Holy Spirit was speaking to your heart and you ignored it.

**You'll remember the sermons.**

You'll remember this sermon, this worship service... You will remember Courtney's testimony today

**Heb. 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment ,**

**Rev. 21:6** And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts.

**7** "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.

**8 "But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."**

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2) unbelieving,

3) abominable,

4) murderers,

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6) sorcerers,

7) idolaters,

8) and all liars... shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

**1 Corinthians 15:33 (CEV)** Don't fool yourselves. Bad friends will destroy you. **34** Be sensible and stop sinning. You should be embarrassed that some people still don't know about God.

**ALTAR**

**Jude 1:20** Dear friends, use your most holy faith to grow. Pray with the Holy Spirit's help.

**21** Remain in God's love as you look for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you eternal life.

**22** Show mercy to those who have doubts.

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23 Save others by snatching them from the fire of hell. Show mercy to others, even though you are afraid that you might be stained by their sinful lives.