

Death, Dying, Heaven and Hell Hell Pt. 1

Hell is described as . . . “eternal fire” (Matthew 25:41) . . . “unquenchable fire” (Matthew 3:12) . . . “shame and everlasting contempt” (Matthew 13:42) . . . “furnace of fire” (Daniel 12:2) . . . a place where “the fire is not quenched” (Mark 9:44-49) . . . “consuming fire” (Deut. 4:24) . . . a place of “torment” and “fire” (Luke 16:23-24) . . . “everlasting destruction” (2 Thess. 1:9) . . . a place where “the smoke of torment rises forever and ever” (Revelation 14:10-11) . . . a “lake of burning sulfur” where the wicked are “tormented day and night” (Revelation 20:10) . . . a place where “the worm does not die” (Mark 9:48) . . . a place of “black darkness” (Jude 1:13) . . . and a “bottomless pit” (Revelation 9:2).

Literal view:

1. Those who go to hell are cast into **liquid** fire.
2. Every joint and every nerve shall be full of inexpressible **torment**. Where people’s hearts, bowels, heads, eyes, tongues, hands, and their feet will be **filled** with hell fire.
3. A furnace of fire means that heat is raised to the most **intense** degree of flame.
4. In hell your **body** will be much more capable to experience **torment** than it is now
5. The **soul** of man is more capable of pain and torment than the **body**.

Good news:

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There is not only flames without there are flames within. He breathed flames; his vitals were all on fire and his tongue was all aflame. Every part was full of fire, full of wrath; He was pierced through and through with hell fire.

Bad News:

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The body will be made so strong that it will not dissolve in the flames. The body will then be made capable of a great deal more misery than it is now; the body can endure but little now before it dissolves. If the body should be cast into fire, it presently dissolves; but then it shall be made capable of receiving much more.

Really, Really, Really Bad News:

Jonathan Edwards

The misery of the body is not the greatest part of their punishment; the misery of the soul? by the inward expression of God's wrath will be much more intolerable.

Metaphorical View:

6. Can physical fire work on spiritual beings that don't have bodies?
7. How can hell be literal fire when it is also explained as black darkness?
8. What does black darkness look like?
9. If the fire is a literal fire is the worm a literal worm? If so, how is the worm not consumed by flames? Is it on steroids like us?
10. How does one weep or nash their teeth if you are damned without teeth?

11. Who really cares about being beaten with many blows if you have hell fire burning every nerve in your body?

12. Will we be on enough steroids in Hell that we can take the hell fire and say a complete sentence at the same time?

Luke 16:24 (NASB)

²⁴"And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'

My View:

13. I believe in the metaphorical that provides images that symbolize realities worse than the literal.