

2. What do you mean by _____ someone to hell?

The assumption is that God sending people to hell is one-sided.

3. Since God is loving, why do people go to _____ ?

Romans 1:18-20 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; (Conscience- Rom 2:14-16) for God made it evident to them. (Natural Revelation) 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

1. God has revealed Himself to _____.

“so that they are without excuse.”

2. Those sent to hell are not passive victims, they are _____ of rejecting God, therefore, they deserve eternal punishment.

ANSWERS: prepared, unannounced, valuable, faithful, loving, sends, hell, everyone, guilty



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The introduction and key to the next section:

Matthew 24:36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

What should our response be?

1. Be alert.

37 “For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. 38 “For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

What will the judgment be like when He returns.

40 “Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41 “Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left.

42 “Therefore be on the alert, for you do not know which day your Lord is coming.

A common question.

"If the church is going to be raptured at the beginning of the Tribulation then why does the Bible record such extensive detail?"

1. All Scripture is profitable, even prophecy we might not experience.

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

Prophecy is beneficial in at least six ways"

- It protects us from deception.
- It gives us hope in the midst of darkness.
- It inspires or motivates evangelism.
- It satisfies our God-given sense of justice.
- It motivates us to live righteously.
- It prepares us for the rapture.

2. It offers answers to those who experience false conversions and won't be raptured.

Why is hell avoided today?

Jesus spent more time warning people about the dangers of hell than He did in comforting them with the hope of heaven.

The Bible does not mince words in describing hell.

- Matt. 25:41 - "eternal fire"
- Matt. 3:12 - "unquenchable fire"
- Mk. 9:44-49 - "a fire not quenched"
- Daniel 12:2 - a place of "shame and everlasting contempt"
- Lk. 16:23-24 - a place of "torment" and "fire"
- 2 Thess. 1:9 - "everlasting destruction"
- Rev. 14:10-11 - "the smoke of torment rises forever and ever" "lake of burning sulfur" where the wicked are "tormented day and night forever and ever"
- 2 Pet. 2:17; Jude 13 - "black darkness"

A question we must answer.

"How can a loving God send people to hell?"

1. What do you mean that He's a _____ God?"

This is based on a flawed definition of love.

We don't define God's love, He defines it.

John 4:16 - God is perfect love. He can never do anything unloving.

2. They mistreat and take advantage of others.

“beat his fellow slaves”

3. They live immoral lives.

“eat and drink with drunkards;”

50 the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour which he does not know,

51 and will cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

When the Lord returns He's going to do two things:

“cut him into pieces”

“cut” [dichotomeo] - Exodus 29:17 - sawing sacrifices in half.

“assign him a place with the hypocrites”

“hypocrites” - Use 14 times to describe the corrupt, Jewish spiritual leaders (Pharisees)

“weeping and gnashing of teeth”

“gnashing” describes pain and rage.

2. Be _____

Matthew 24:43-51 “But be sure of this, that if the head of the house had known at what time of the night the thief was coming, he would have been on the alert and would not have allowed his house to be broken into.

“be sure of this”

44 “For this reason you also must be ready; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will.

Who is the thief?

Jesus compares Himself to a thief four other times.

2 Peter 3:10; Rev. 3:3; Luke 12:35-40; 1 Thess 5:2

His return will be similar to a thief in two ways.

1. Both come _____ and unexpected.

2. Both take what's most _____.

"giving food at the proper time"

"blessed"

For faithful believers the Lord's return will be exceedingly joyful. We can expect rewards.

"must be ready"

"he will put him in charge of all his possessions."

3. Be _____

Revelation 3:21 'He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.'

45 "Who then is the faithful and sensible slave whom his master put in charge of his household to give them their food at the proper time? 46 "Blessed is that slave whom his master finds so doing when he comes. 47 "Truly I say to you that he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

"master"

48 "But if that evil slave says in his heart, 'My master is not coming for a long time,' 49 and begins to beat his fellow slaves and eat and drink with drunkards;

"slave"

"evil" [kalos] - Morally corrupt.

21:41 - Described the winegrowers who killed the landowners son.

"faithful" - Steadfast affection and unwavering allegiance

Unbelievers are characterized in three ways:

"sensible" - It means to be prudent / wise and is characterized by the exercise of good judgment

1. They're indifferent toward God.

'My master is not coming for a long time,'

They ignore the warnings of judgment