

THE IMPORTANCE OF GOD'S WORD – 4

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REVIEW:

- Only God's Word answers life's most important questions: Where did we come from, why are we here, and where are we going?
- God created us, we're here to choose between life and death, we're going to heaven or hell to await judgment.
- Our belief determines what judgment we attend. Our behavior determines our rewards or punishment.

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THOUGHTS ABOUT HELL

1. Hell is a place originally prepared for Satan and his angels, not for people.
MATTHEW 25:41
A. The fall of Lucifer (**ISAIAH 14:12-15**) Could this be when hell was prepared?
2. Hell was enlarged because of humans who chose to rebel also.
ISAIAH 5:1-3 (NKJV), 13-16 (NKJV), MATTHEW 21:33-41 The Jews.
MATTHEW 7:13-14 "Many and few."
A. By partaking of the same sin, they were doomed to partake of the same punishment.
B. **MATTHEW 25:34** God's design was man's eternal happiness. Man's misery was caused by his decision to reject God's counsel.
3. Hell is a place of torment and everlasting fire. **MATTHEW 5:22**
A. Gehenna refers to the valley of Hinnom where the Jews worshiped Moloch. The statue was heated by fire and the child is placed in its arms until consumed. The screams were covered by drums and other instruments. **MATTHEW 13:41-42** Gehenna was used to paint a picture of the certainty and intensity of hell.
B. **LUKE 16:19-31** The people are real. Their names are given. Torment is used many times. It means acute pain and torture.
C. **ISAIAH 66:23-24, MARK 9:48** Their fire, or state of misery, shall not be quenched. The image is that of an undying worm everlastingly consuming an unconsumable body.

THOUGHTS ABOUT HEAVEN

1. Heaven is a place where God and Christ live and where Christians go to when they die. It's a place of permanent mansions and eternal dwellings.
JOHN 14:1-3
 - A. No one has a permanent dwelling on earth. **HEBREWS 13:14 (NLT)**
In heaven, Christ has prepared for us a permanent dwelling place motivated by "that where I am, there ye may be also." How?
 - By shedding His Blood for us.
 - By going before us as our forerunner.
HEBREWS 6:19-20 A forerunner precedes the coming of someone else. Jesus marched in, planted His banner in the land of glory and calls us to follow Him in. **ROMANS 8:29**
 - By carrying our names with Him as High Priest into the Holy of Holies, and making His angels ready to receive us. We won't be unknown or unexpected.
2. Heaven is a place of ultimate living. **REVELATION 21:1-8**
 - A. People on earth speak of ultimate living. This is only possible if you're destined for hell. For a person outside of Christ, this life is as good as it gets. **1 CORINTHIANS 15:31-32 (MSG)**
 - B. For those in Christ, the pains and struggles of this world are as tough as it gets. **2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18**
3. In Heaven the best life is yet to come. **REVELATION 7**
 - A. **V15** – We'll serve God as we always desired with no distractions.
 - B. **V16** – We'll never be hungry, thirsty, too hot or too cold.
 - C. **V17** – Every wound, heartache, and pain will be healed. There will be no more sins to confess, temptations to overcome, sickness to suffer, fears to face or devil to deal with.
4. In heaven, unspeakable joy will abound forever. **1 PETER 1:8-9**
 - A. What's been on the inside will be made known and be experienced forever.