

## The Spirit World

### Doctrine of Heaven and Hell

#### Part 5

1. The *Bible* speaks of only two places for the spirits to dwell: heaven or hell.
  - *Luke 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.*
  - *Luke 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.*
2. The Christian church did not know the concept of a place of purgatory until 600 years after Christ. It had its origin in the belief that individuals were not fit to go immediately to heaven and so had to enter an intermediate place where prayers and masses of others alone could move them into heaven. The main purpose of this devilish doctrine was to secure a source of revenue. It was discovered that people would pay for masses to deliverer the souls of their loved ones and friends from the torments of purgatory.
  - *2 Peter 2:1, 3 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies ...And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you...*
3. The concept of annihilation of souls is also something that is not taught in the *Bible*. Annihilation is the doctrine that the wicked are destroyed at death or later after the Great White Throne Judgment.
4. If the wicked are destroyed at death then there is no such thing as the resurrection of the wicked dead and their judgment both of which are clearly taught in Scripture.
  - *John 5:28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.*
  - *Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.*

5. The wicked do live after death.
- **The Rich Man lives in hell.** *Luke 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And 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.*
  - **Judas lives in hell.** *Mark 14:21 The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! Good were it for that man if he had never been born. Acts 1:25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.*
  - **Fallen angels live in hell.** *Jude 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.*
6. When the Bible speaks of the destruction of the wicked it simply means the wicked go to a place of loss and ruin, not that they are blotted out of existence. An item destroyed means that it no longer is fit for the purpose it was made or intended; the form of its existence has changed.
- *Exodus 10:7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed?*
  - *John 2:18-22 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.*
7. In as far as there is eternal life for the righteous so there is an everlasting punishment for the unrighteous.
- *Matthew 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.*
8. The lifetime of the Lord God Almighty is said to be forever and ever which means for the ages of the ages. And that is the same time given for the punishment of evil and the life of the righteous. The wicked are to exist as long as the righteous are to exist.

- *Revelation 4:9-10 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,*
- *Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.*
- *Revelation 22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.*

9. Jesus mainly taught the doctrine of hell as He made the following points.

- **In hell there is wailing and gnashing of teeth.** *Matthew 13:49 So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, 50 And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.*
- **In hell the fire is unquenchable.** *Mark 9:43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 44 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: 46 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: 48 Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.*
- **In hell there is torment in flames of fire.** *Luke 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And 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.*
- **In hell there is eternal consciousness.** *Luke 16:25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.*
- **In hell there is compassion for the lost.** *Luke 16:27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.*
- **In hell there is no second chance to be saved.** *Luke 16:26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.*

- **In hell the souls of the unrighteous will dwell with the demons so there is horror upon horror.** *Matt 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:*
- **In hell the population consists of individuals who want to be there.** *Romans 1:26-2:1 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

10. In contrast to hell is a place called heaven.

- **Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.** *John 14:1-2 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.*
- **Heaven is the eternal home for the saints.** *2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.*
- **Heaven the dwelling place of God the Father and God the Son.** *Acts 7:55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God."*
- **Heaven is a place that can be perceived and enjoyed by the senses.** Philip was told that he would see heaven with his own eyes in John 1:51: *And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.*
- **Heaven is a place where no one sleeps.** There is no night in heaven. *"And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there."*
- **Heaven is a place without hunger.** *Revelation 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.*

- **Heaven is a place where no one is thirsty.** *Revelation 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. Revelation 7:16*
- **Heaven is a place where teardrops are dried.** *Revelation 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*
- **Heaven is a place without painful memories in contrast to the rich man in hell who was told to remember former events.** *Isaiah 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.*
- **Heaven will be a glorious place.** *Revelation 21:2 “And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”*
- **Heaven is a suitable habitation for God and man.** *Revelation 21:3 “And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”*