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## **MUST WE HEAR ABOUT HELL?**

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Yes, we must! We take no pleasure in proclaiming eternal damnation. Many simply deny its existence. Some, like Henry Ward Beecher, the great American preacher of one hundred years ago, said that, to the everlasting credit of the pulpits of his day, Hell was no longer preached very much. Henry Drummond, professed Bible believer and friend of Moody, said that all would eventually be saved. Then, there are many like Billy Graham who claim to believe the Bible but explain away the fire and torment of Hell. Others are just silent on the subject. Hell must be preached for a number of reasons. Reason #1 - It is taught throughout the Word of God. **“The wicked shall be turned into hell and all the nations that forget God.”** ~Psalm 9:17. You say, “I am not wicked.” God says you are! And the fires of Hell will be your destiny: **“...than to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched.”** ~Mark 9:44,46,48. You have to destroy the plain meaning of Scripture to remove the fire from Hell! God help you if you tamper with His Holy Word! Reason #2 - Jesus spoke of it as a real place of fire and torment. Jesus said, **“And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments...And he cried...I am tormented in this flame...”** ~Luke 16:23-25. He was in the “flames” and four times in that passage the word “torment” is used to describe Hell. You may say hell means grave, state of mind, etc., but the flames and torment are still there. Also, it is forever: **“These shall go away into everlasting punishment.”** It has been well calculated that Jesus spoke more of Hell and eternal damnation than He did of Heaven. Reason #3 - It is dishonest, it is a crime, against God and lost souls to ignore their plight and let them go blindly to Hell. We are commanded to **“Preach the Word...”** and declare **“the whole counsel of God.”** Men cannot pick and choose what they will believe. We cannot pick and choose what we will preach. How could we be faithful to God and ignore one of the most fundamental doctrines? How can we see loved ones and the multitudes go on in sin to everlasting punishment without lifting up a cry? What would you think of us if we passed a burning building and did not do our best to get the people out? We plead with you to escape the flames of Hell by receiving Jesus Christ as your Savior.

Many act as if they did not believe something, it wasn't true. Pardon me, but that is utter nonsense! My friend, you are going to a beautiful, blissful Heaven or a fiery, tormenting Hell! Both were spoken of by the Lord Jesus Christ many times! Both are forever! **See Matthew 25:41,46** and a multitude of other verses. You may say that you cannot be scared. Maybe not; I hope you can because this is real, it is according to the Word of God. The choice is yours! No choice is too choose Hell, for you are already on that path. Christ died and rose again that you might be redeemed and spend eternity with Him in Heaven. Will you acknowledge your sin to God and receive Jesus as your Savior? Whether you believe it or not, Hell is what we all deserve because of our sins. God's Word says, **“How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation.”** ~Hebrews 2:3. The answer is obvious - there is no escape! I plead with you to face the fact of sin and judgment, and trust Christ. God has done everything He can for you; Christ died for your sins. **“He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”** ~John 3:36. Receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior and you will not have to worry about Hell. **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”** ~Acts 16:31