

Ep. 1024: Is the Hell of Christian Tradition Taught in the Bible? (Part II)

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See: CQRewind SHOW NOTES

- 1. What is the first documented lie and who spoke it? How is this contrasted by the truth spoken by God? (See Genesis 3:4, 2:17) Why do you think the reality of death being a cessation of life is so important to understanding the Scriptures?
- 2. Why did Jesus come to earth? What were the four points of Jesus' message when he spoke at the synagogue after he was baptized? Why did he stop reading half-way through the Isaiah verse? (See Luke 4:14-21, Isaiah 61:2a)
- 3. How do we interpret the term "unquenchable fire" as used in Isaiah 34:8-10, Ezekiel 20:47-48, Isaiah 1:31, Jeremiah 4:4 and Amos 5:6? Are the fires described still burning today? What is the logical explanation for this term and what was the *purpose* of those fires? Have these prophecies been fulfilled or are they future?
- 4. In the New Testament, what is the meaning of the Greek word translated "unquenchable"? What was Jesus referring to when he quoted Isaiah 66:23-24 in Mark 9:47-48? Do these scriptures describe eternal torture? What will not be quenched in the future?
- 5. What was the purpose of the garbage pit in ancient Israel called "Gehenna"? What was thrown into this valley? When Jesus uses the word "Gehenna," what is he referring to? How many times does Jesus refer to "Gehenna"? (See Matthew 5:29-30, 10:28, 18:9, 23:33)
- 6. Where did Jesus say people go after they die? What does John 5:28,29 say about the resurrection? How does the translation change the meaning of this verse? (compare New American Standard and King James versions)
- 7. How and when did corrupted teaching enter into Christian understanding of the Scriptures? (See Acts 20:28-30) What *is* the ultimate punishment mentioned in Revelation 21:8? How does this punishment work?
- 8. What would be the purpose of teaching a false doctrine of eternal torment? What advantage would this have given to the church leaders? (See 2 Corinthians 11:3-15, Titus 1:9-11, Acts 20:28-30)
- 9. Who is James addressing in James 3:5-6? What is his message to them? Where are Paul's recorded thoughts on hell and hellfire, and what was his stance? (See Acts 20:26-30)
- 10. To whom is Jesus speaking to in the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus? What is he really saying to them? Does he speak of *Gehenna* here and how do we know this? (See Luke 16:19-31)
- 11. What is the biblical teaching on the fate of the "incorrigible"? What is the contrast to life and peace? (See Acts 3:23, Matthew 7:13, Philippians 3:19, Romans 8:6)

