

SERMON OUTLINE

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Hell: Is Hell Real?
"What Is Hell?"

Pew Research Center (Sep 20-26, 2021)

% of Adults who say they believe in ...

	Heaven	Hell
All US adults	73	62
Christian	92	79
Protestant	93	84
Evangelical	96	91
Mainline	88	69
Historically Black	93	80
Catholic	90	74
White Catholic	88	70
Hispanic Catholic	92	79
Unaffiliated	37	28
Atheist	3	1
Agnostic	26	14
Nothing in Particular	50	39
Men	68	59
Women	78	65
Republican/lean Rep	85	75
Democrat/lean Dem	64	52
White, non-Hispanic	72	58
Black, non-Hispanic	88	80
Hispanic	78	66
Northeast	68	51
Midwest	79	67
South	77	69
West	65	54

Matthew 25:46 "(Jesus said) Then they will go away to **eternal punishment**, but the righteous to eternal life." (NIV)

1 Timothy 2:1-4 "¹ I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleased God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come the knowledge of the truth." (NIV)

IMAGES OF HELL IN THE BIBLE

1. A CURSED PLACE of judgment.

Matthew 5:22 "Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca', is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of **hell** (Gehenna)." (NIV)

Jeremiah 7:30-34 "³⁰ The people of Judah have done evil in my eyes, declares the Lord. They have set up their detestable idols in the house that bears my Name and have defiled it. ³¹ They have built the high places of Topheth in the **Valley of Ben Hinnom** to burn their sons and daughters in the fire—something I did not command, nor did it enter my mind. ³² So beware, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when people will no longer call it Topheth or the Valley of Ben Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter, for they will bury the dead in Topheth until there is no more room. ³³ Then the carcasses of this people will become food for the birds and the wild animals, and there will be no one to frighten them away. ³⁴ I will bring an end to the sounds of joy and gladness and to the voices of bride and bridegroom in the towns of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem, for the land will become desolate." (NIV)

2. WORMS

Mark 9:47-48 "⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell (Gehenna), ⁴⁸ where '**the worms** that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.'" (NIV)

Isaiah 66:24 "And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; **the worms** that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind." (NIV)

3. FIRE

Mark 9:48 "... where 'the worms that eat them do not die, and **the fire** is not quenched.'" (NIV)

Deuteronomy 4:23-24 "²³ Be careful not to forget the covenant of the Lord your God that He made with you; do not make for yourselves an idol in the form of anything the Lord your God has forbidden. ²⁴ For the Lord your God is a **consuming fire**, a jealous God." (NIV)

Psalms 11:6 "On the wicked He will rain **fiery coals** and **burning sulfur**; a **scorching wind** will be their lot." (NIV)

Malachi 4:1-3 "¹ Surely the day is coming; it will **burn like a furnace**. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on **fire**," says the Lord Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. ² But you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays, And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. ³ Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the Lord Almighty." (NIV)

4. DARKNESS.

Matthew 25:10 "And throw that worthless servant outside, **into the darkness**, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (NIV)

1 Peter 2:17 "These people are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. **Blackest darkness** is reserved for them." (NIV)

Exodus 10:21-23 "²¹ Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that **darkness** spreads over Egypt—**darkness** that can be felt." ²² So Moses stretched out his hand toward the sky, and **total darkness** covered all Egypt for three days. ²³ No one could see

anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.” (NIV)

Revelation 22:5 “(Heaven) There will be no more night . They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light ...” (NIV)

5. SEPERATION from God.

Mathew 7:22-23 “²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. **Away from me**, you evildoers.’” (NIV)

Luke 13:28 “There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves **thrown out**.” (NIV)

Revelation 22:14-15 “¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ **Outside** are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexual immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.” (NIV)

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 “⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and **shut out from the presence of the Lord** and from the glory of His might ...” (NIV)

6. ETERNAL

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7. ANGER and REGRET

Mathew 13:49-50 "49 This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous 50 and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be **weeping and gnashing of teeth**." (NIV)

8. Both BODY and SOUL.

Mathew 5:29-30 "29 If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your **whole body** to be through into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your **whole body** to go into hell." (NIV)

Matthew 10:28 "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy **both body and soul in hell**." (NIV)

9. The MAJORITY will be there.

Matthew 7:13-14 "13 Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only few find it." (NIV)

Matthew 7:21-23 "21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

1. Hell is a TERRIBLE place!
2. EVIL people will be there, along with those who did not TAKE GOD SERIOUSLY.
3. God DOESN'T WANT YOU there!

2 Peter 3:3-9 “³ Above all, you must understand that in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires. ⁴ They will say, “Where is this ‘coming’ He promised? Ever since our ancestors died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation.” ⁵ But they deliberately forgot that long ago by God’s word the heavens came into being and the earth was formed out of water and by water. ⁶ By these waters also the world of that time was deluged and destroyed. ⁷ By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead **He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish**, but everyone to come to repentance.”

4. If you CHOOSE to follow Jesus as LORD and SAVIOR, you don’t have to worry.

2 Peter 3:11 “¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to **live holy and godly lives** ¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming ...” (NIV)