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BIBLE TALK

Correction: A typographical error appeared in the Feb. 15th. issue. The word "Reverend" appears in Ps. 111:9 instead of Ps. 119:1.

Question: What is the place called Hell? Is it real or imaginary?

Answer: The term "Gehenna" appears in the scriptures 12 times in the New Testament and in the Hebrew referenced the "Valley of Hinnom," a place of worship to the idol, Moloch (2 Chron. 28:3), to whom their children were burned as sacrifices.

Hell is prepared for those who have lived contrary to God's will. Hell is described as a place *eternal* (Matt. 25:46). Not a thousand years duration as some have erroneously taught, but for ever. Sin's punishment is everlasting (Matt. 25:41-46), if no repentance.

Hell is a place of *outer darkness* (2 Pet. 2:4; Jude 13), where there is not the presence of God, therefore, no source of light in that God is the "Father of lights" (Jas. 1:17).

The Bible says that it is a place of *fire* or a furnace (Matt. 13:42); not quenched (Mk. 9:44); fire and brimstone (Rev. 20:10); lake of fire (Rev. 20:15). Fire is emblematic of pain and severe destruction. The punishment is real and severe to be avoided at all costs.

It is obvious that this will be a place of *pain*. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth and torment from flames (Matt. 25:30; Lk.16:23).

This writer's admonition would be to begin living as we know we should (2 Cor. 5:10-11), focusing our attention upon heaven, our only other option. When comparing the two, the choice is very easy.

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