

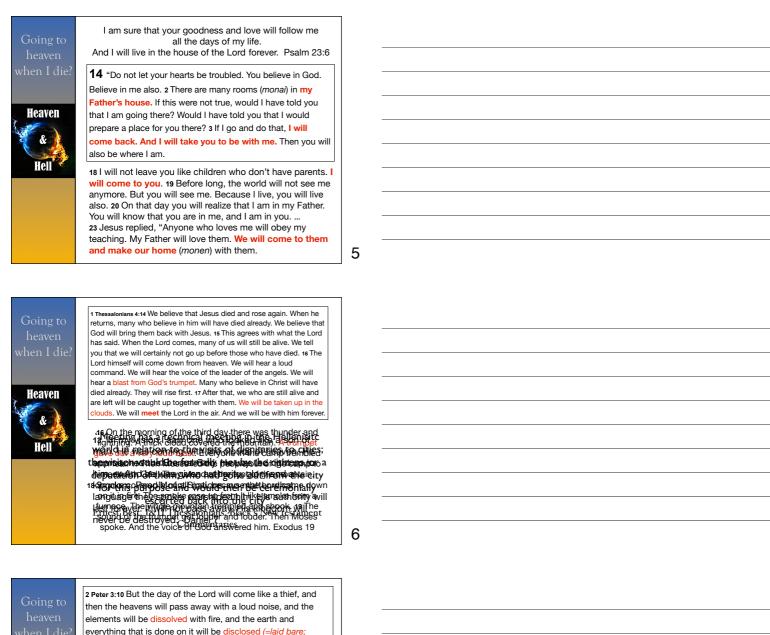






the New Testament never says 'heaven' is our eternal spiritual home

the New Testament never contrasts heaven & *hell*, always heaven and *earth*



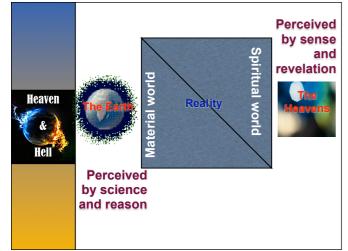
everything that is done on it will be disclosed (*=laid bare*; *discovered*). 11 Since all these things are to be dissolved (*=loosed*) in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the

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holiness and godliness, 12 waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? 13 But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.



God's home

² Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. <u>God is in heaven</u> and you are on earth.

o let your words be few.

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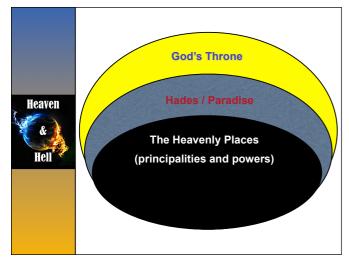
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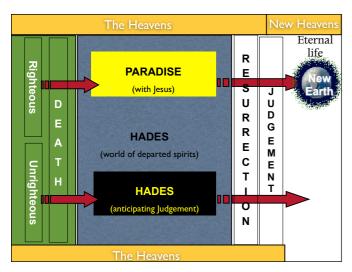
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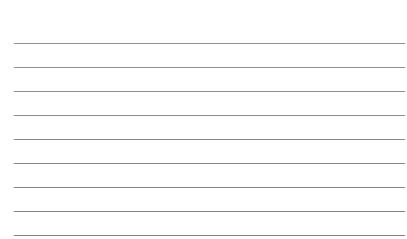
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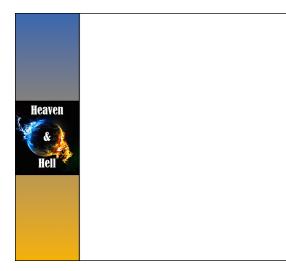
A world re-The Heavens integrated

³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now <u>the dwelling of God is with</u> <u>men.</u> and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."









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removal of the faithless



³⁶"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. Matthew 24

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⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age.

Matthew 13

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"Hell' = Gehenna -12 times in NT, mainly from Jesus

"Jesus spoke often of hell... In sheer number these statements are inescapable. In intensity they are fearful... We cannot escape, for we know who said these things, we know his tenderness, we know the authority of his words and we know that this is the language (be it more or less symbolic) that he regarded as best fitted to describe the price of impenitence. It is Love who speaks like this, it is God himself"

John Wenham, The Goodness of God, p.20-21

"Hell' = Gehenna -12 times in NT, mainly from Jesus Fiery destruction of the wicked



Matthew 5:21 'You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder"; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgement." 22 But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister,[e] you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool", you will be liable to the hell [gehenna] of fire.

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Matthew 5:27 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell [gehenna].

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rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell [gehenna].

Matthew 10:28 Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul;

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Matthew 18:8 'If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life maimed or lame than to have two hands or two feet and to be thrown into the eternal fire. 9 And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into the hell [gehenna] of fire. "Hell' = Gehenna -12 times in NT, mainly from Jesus Fiery destruction of the wicked



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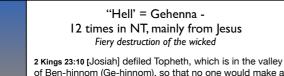
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Matthew 23:15 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cross sea and land to make a single convert, and you make the new convert twice as much a child of hell as yourselves.

Matthew 23:31 Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors. 33 You snakes, you brood of vipers! How can you escape being sentenced to hell?

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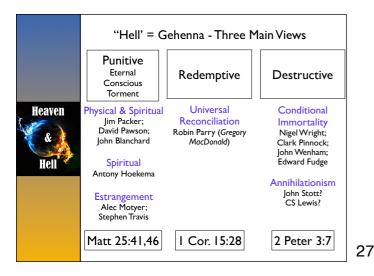


of Ben-hinnom (Ge-hinnom), so that no one would make a son or a daughter pass through fire as an offering to Molech.

Isaiah 30:33 For his [King of Assyria's] burning-place (=*Topheth*) has long been prepared; truly it is made ready for the king, its pyre made deep and wide, with fire and wood in abundance; the breath of the Lord, like a stream of sulphur, kindles it.

Jeremiah 7:32 Therefore, the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when it will no more be called Topheth, or the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of Slaughter: for they will bury in Topheth until there is no more room.

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Is the Soul Immortal?

1 Timothy 6:16 It is *he alone who has immortality* and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

NT Wright" "Platonists believe that all humans have an immortal element within them, normally referred to as 'the soul'... In the New Testament however, immortality is something *that only God possesses by nature* and that he then shares, as a gift of grace rather than as an innate possession, with his people"

(Surprised by Hope, p.160-161)



Is 'Eternal', Forever?

I. Lasts forever

Psalm 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from **everlasting** to **everlasting** you are **God**.

2. Lasts until it has achieved its purpose

1Kings 8:12 Then Solomon said, 'The Lord has said that he would dwell in thick darkness.13 I have built you an exalted house, a place for you to dwell in **for ever**.'

3. Possess the quality of 'eternity'

The word eternal (Aionios) is literally 'of the age (aeon) to come'. Matt 12:32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age (*aoini*) or in the age to come.

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Is 'Eternal', Forever?

Eternal Punishment (Matt 25:31-36); Eternal Judgment (Heb 6:1-4); Eternal Redemption (Heb 9:11-12); Eternal Salvation (Heb 5:9-10); Eternal Destruction (2 Thess 1:9).

When the adjective (eternal) qualifies a noun (punishment, judgment etc) it describes **the result of that action not the act itself.**

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Psalm 97:The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! 2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. 3 Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. 4 His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. 5 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.



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Isaiah 30: 30 And the Lord will cause his majestic voice to be heard and the descending blow of his arm to be seen, in furious anger and a flame of devouring fire, with a cloudburst and tempest and hailstones. 31 The Assyrian will be terror-stricken at the voice of the Lord, when he strikes with his rod. 32 And every stroke of the staff of punishment that the Lord lays upon him will be to the sound of timbrels and lyres; battling with brandished arm he will fight with him. 33 For his burning-place has long been prepared; truly it is made ready for the king, its pyre made deep and wide, with fire and wood in abundance; the breath of the Lord, like a stream of sulphur, kindles it.

Fire





Heaven & Hell Malachi 4:1 See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. 3 And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the Lord of hosts.



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Isaiah 66:24 And they shall go out and look at the dead bodies of the people who have rebelled against me; for their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.

Mark 9:45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. 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, 48 where "the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched."



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Paul on Fire!

6 God is just: he will pay back trouble to those who trouble you 7 and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in **blazing fire** with his powerful angels. 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 10 on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marvelled at among all those who have believed.

Fire







John on Fire!

Rev 19:20 But the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who had performed the signs on its behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshipped its image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulphur.

Rev 20:10 And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Rev 20:14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.

Rev 20:15 Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.



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