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Hell Is No Joke!

To some, hell is just a curse word, a joke, or a figment of the imagination, but the Bible teaches that **hell exists** as a place where Satan and his followers will **burn in flames forever!**

Jesus Christ warned of a time when God will say, *“Depart from me, ye cursed, into **everlasting fire**, prepared for the devil and his angels.”* Note that hell was created for the devil. His followers will share his punishment, *“these shall go away into **everlasting punishment**”* (Matthew 25:41, 46). Revelation 14:10-11 states that they *“shall be **tormented with fire... for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night.**”* Jesus told of a rich man who *“died, and was buried; and **in hell** he lift up his eyes, **being in torments.**”* Begging for water he said, *“**I am tormented in this flame**”* (Luke 16:19-31).

Jesus spoke of those who will be *“cast into **hell**, into the **fire that never shall be quenched.**”* Three times within five verses Jesus said that those in hell **remain alive forever**, *“dieth not”* and five times he declared the **fire never goes out** (Mark 9:43-48). Note also these references: *“**everlasting burnings**”* (Isaiah 30:33); *“**unquenchable fire**”* (Matthew 3:12); place of *“weeping and gnashing of teeth”* (Matthew 8:12; 13:50); *“cast into **everlasting fire**”* (Matthew 18:8); *“cast into **hell fire**”* (Matthew 18:9); *“punished with **everlasting destruction**”* (2 Thessalonians 1:9).

Hell is no joke! It is real, but you need not go there! Those whose names are *“written in the book of life”* will escape *“the **lake of fire**”* (Revelation 20:15). The only way to get your name into that *“book of life”* and go to heaven is to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior (Read John 3). **Jesus is The Only Way to heaven!** Please see www.naog.ws/theway.htm for more on this.