

"... Eternity: Are Heaven AND Hell Eternal?"
(Matthew 25; Luke 16; Revelation 14, 19, 20 ...)

I. Introduction: I Have Been Thinking about ...

A. Review

- The Series
- The Missions Emphasis

B. Reflect

- The comments
- The concerns
- The convictions
 - The Bible
 - Jesus Christ
 - People's souls

II. Exposition: ... Are Heaven AND Hell Eternal?

A. The **Definition**:

1. Dictionaries

- Dictionary.com
- Miriam-Webster
- Theological

2. Descriptions

- Place
 - Hades – Luke 16:23
 - Gehenna – Jeremiah 7:31, 19:2-6
 - Lake of fire – Rev. 19:20; 20:10-15; 20:8
 - Furnace of fire – Matthew 13:41-42
 - Black darkness – Jude 13
- Irreversible (Luke 16:26)
- Eternal, everlasting, forever
 - Fire – Matthew 18:8-9; 25:41; Jude 7
 - Contempt – Daniel 12:2
 - Chains/Bonds – Jude 6
 - Torment – Revelation 14:9-11; 20:10
 - Punishment – Matthew 25:46
 - Destruction – 2 Peter 3:7; 2 Thess. 1:9

B. The **Directions**/Viewpoints (B. B. Warfield)

1. Pure Mortalism
2. Conditional Immortality
3. Annihilationism – Matthew 25:46

C. The **Degrees of Punishment**

1. Matthew 11:21-24
2. Luke 12:47-48

D. The **Deterrent** to Hell – A heart of love

1. God the Father – Ezekiel 33:11/2 Peter 3:9
2. Paul – Romans 9:1-5
3. Jesus Christ – Luke 19:41-42/Matthew 23:37

III. Conclusion:

- The **love** of God – Romans 8:31-32
- The **glory** of God – Revelation 19:1-6

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. Look at the verses given that provide a description of hell. What most impacts and moves you about these?
3. How do you feel about judgment for both believers and unbelievers? Do you sense God's justice or a sense of unfairness/injustice? Why?
4. Are you convinced there will be eternal, conscious punishment for the wicked? How does this move you? Do you have those emotions as you think of the punishment of Satan and demons? Explain.
5. What do you see about a heart for the lost in the heart of God?
6. What stuck out to you from the conclusion?
7. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)