

ETERNAL DESTRUCTION OF THE LOST!

A. The miserable fate of the wicked in hell.

Daniel 12:2 "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace [and] everlasting contempt. (NASB)

Matthew 25:46 "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Mark 3:29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin "-- (NASB)

2 Thessalonians 1:9 And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, (NASB)

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; (NASB)

Revelation 20:10 And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (NASB)

Revelation 20:15 And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. (NASB)

B. The Scripture clearly teaches the unending duration of the penal sufferings of the lost as compared to the "everlasting life," and "eternal life" of the righteous.

1. The eternal existence of God. See also Rom. 1:20; 16:26.

1 Timothy 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, [be] honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. (NASB)

2. The eternal existence of Christ.

Revelation 1:18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. (NASB)

3. The eternal existence of the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

4. The eternal duration of the sufferings of the lost.

Matt 25:46 "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

5. Their condition after casting off the mortal body is spoken of in these expressive words:

Mark 9:46 (where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.) (NASB)

Luke 3:17 "And His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." (NASB)

Revelation 9:1 ...and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him. (NASB)

Man's annihilation, has not the slightest support from Scripture, which always represents his future as one of conscious suffering enduring for ever. The supposition that God will ultimately secure the repentance and restoration of all sinners is equally unscriptural. **There is no purgatory.**

C. There are but two ages [for ever, an unbroken age, perpetuity of time, eternity] mentioned in the Bible.

Matthew 12:32 "And whoever shall speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age, or in the [age] to come. (NASB)

D. God owes us retribution not reformation. Chastening is but for a season but punishment is for eternity. God's wrath through our sin inflicts retribution upon us.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. Could anything be worse than God saying, "I am against you?"

1 Peter 3:12 ... But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." (NASB)

2. Could anything be worse than God saying, "I hate you?"

Psalm 5:5-6 The boastful shall not stand before Thine eyes; Thou dost hate all who do iniquity. 6 Thou dost destroy those who speak falsehood; The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit. (NASB)

3. Could anything be worse than God saying, "Accursed ones?"

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; (NASB)

4. Sin against God is not just an insult against Him, it is an attack upon the whole moral system of the universe that He has created. And He will deal with this MOST severely.

Ezekiel 24:8 "That it may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance..."

Ezekiel 7:9 'And My eye will show no pity, nor will I spare. I will repay you according to your ways, while your abominations are in your midst; then you will know that I, the LORD, do the smiting. (NASB)

Jeremiah 51:56 ...For the LORD is a God of recompense, He will fully repay. (NASB)

Deuteronomy 32:35 'Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, In due time their foot will slip...

Romans 12:19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath [of God,] for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. (NASB)

Hebrews 10:26-31 ...but a certain terrifying expectation of judgment, and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries.... How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God... "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge His people." 31 It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God. (NASB)

5. If eternal hell and eternal wrath are unreal, then forgiveness has no real meaning!!!