

SERMON NOTES

"HELL IS FOR REAL"

Hebrews 9:27; 2 Timothy 3:16; Acts 20:27

"The watchman who keeps silent when he sees a fire is guilty of gross neglect. The doctor who tells us we are getting well when we are dying is a false friend, and the minister who keeps back hell from his people in his sermons is neither a faithful nor a charitable man." (Bishop J.C. Ryle)

I. HELL IS A REAL _____

A. Jesus spoke about it

(Matthew 5:22, 29-30; 8:12; 10:28; 13:40, 42, 50; 18:8-9; 22:13)

B. The Apostles spoke about it

(2 Thessalonians 1:6-10; Jude 5-7; Revelation 20:11-15)

C. The Church has spoken about it through the centuries

II. HELL IS REAL _____ (Luke 16:19-31)

A. A place of separation

B. A place of torment

C. A place of hopelessness

The Greek word used to describe hell is "Gehenna," which is taken from the valley of Hinnom, just south of Jerusalem. "This was an area outside the wall of Jerusalem where children had once been offered as burnt sacrifices to Molech (2 Chron. 28:3; 33:6), and which had become the city's incinerator area, where the garbage and the discarded corpses of those without families were daily burned." (J.I. Packer)

III. HELL IS REAL _____

The words used to describe the length of suffering:

A. It will be "eternal" (Matthew 25:46)

B. It will be "everlasting" (Daniel 12:2)

C. It will be "forever" (Revelation 20:10)

IV. HELL IS REAL _____

A. Everyone will die (Hebrews 9:27)

B. The saved will not go to hell (John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Romans 8:1)

C. The unsaved will go to hell (Luke 13:3; 2 Corinthians 5:11; Jude 23)