

# What You Will Not Do In Hell

**Introduction.** Have you ever heard any one say in reference to God's laws, "Do I have to?" or "The Bible does not say that you have to?" With such an attitude the day will come when they will be happy! How little God actually does ask of us will be realized by all who today think, "I do not have to do what God says because He is a God of love" (2 Peter 3:9).

The truth is, there is such a place as Hell! The Bible describes it vividly: (1) outer darkness with weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 8:12); (2) furnace of fire with wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 13:42, 50); (3) everlasting fire and everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:41, 46); (4) worm does not die and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:44, 48); (5) place of torment (Luke 16:28; Revelation 14:11); (6) everlasting destruction (2 Thessalonians 1:9); (7) chains of darkness (2 Peter 2:4); (8) blackness of darkness (Jude 13); and, (9) lake which burns with fire and brimstone and second death (Revelation 21:8). Hell is a place that no one should want to go. While God is not willing that any should perish, if you do, it will be your own fault.

## ***I. You Will Not Have To Worship***

- A. You will not have to get out of bed early on Sunday morning and get dressed (Hebrews 10:19-31).
  - 1. Forget your hair because you will have none; there will be no mirrors because the darkness will be so deep that it can be felt.
  - 2. There will be no beds to get out of and no need of rest. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you ever tried to rest in anguish and misery? No torment killers, just torment inducers!
- B. As an added bonus, all of the elements of worship that have bored you to tears will be gone.
  - 1. There will be no more singing (Colossians 3:16).
    - a) No more wondering about whether instruments of music is acceptable. No more arguing, "The Bible does not say not to!"
    - b) The only sounds heard will be the sounds of torment. All the singing will be in the place that you have missed — Heaven!
  - 2. There will be no more prayer (Acts 12:5, 12).
    - a) You will want to pray then, but God will not hear — you had your chance.
    - b) Remember back on Earth thinking at the end of worship, "I wish they would hurry up and say the prayer so I can go eat?" Oh, how you will wish you had those opportunities back!
  - 3. There will be no more Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 10:16).
    - a) This is a wonderful time of sharing and communion in the death of Christ. It is a time of reflection for all He has done.
    - b) But in Hell there will be no communion with the Son. The "outer darkness" assures us that you will not have fellowship with God.
  - 4. There will be no more giving (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
    - a) One of the most disliked parts of modern religion, according to many, is the constant asking for money and the lavish lifestyles of the so-called "megachurch" pastors.

- b) Contributing in the New Testament is to be done cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9:6-7), but the ironic part is that in Hell money will not exist!
- 5. The best part — there will be no more sermons (Acts 14:7).
  - a) You will never complain that a 40-minute sermon being 35 minutes too long. But instead you will be wishing that the preacher would have preached hours and hours — maybe with more time he could have gotten into your heart.
  - b) You will regret not paying attention to the preachers when you had your life. You will then be thinking, “I wish he would have stepped a lot harder on my toes!”

## **II. You Will Not Have To Love**

- A. You will not have to love God.
  - 1. No more commandments to keep (1 John 5:2-3).
    - a) Keeping God’s commandments shows our love to Him.
    - b) God promised that those commandments would not be troublesome or burdensome for us to keep.
  - 2. No more having to study your Bible (Psalm 119:97).
    - a) You would not say on Earth the words of the sweet psalmist of Israel, but you wish now that you would have.
    - b) There is no more wrangling over walking by faith or whether this or that was scriptural or not. You will wish that you would have had a greater respect for God’s Word, as well as its silence (Hebrews 7:14).
  - 3. No more giving our lives as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2).
    - a) Loving God means living as a sacrifice. It was not worth it while you had your life on Earth, but your mind will be changed when you lift up your eyes in Hell.
    - b) Oh, now you realize how precious your soul was (Matthew 16:26). But you were not willing to give the Lord your all, although He gave His all for you that you could have escaped this horrible place (John 3:16)!
- B. You will not have to love other people.
  - 1. You will not have to worry about loving your spouse, neighbor, parents, friends, or enemies (Matthew 5:44; 22:37-29; Ephesians 5:25).
  - 2. In outer darkness, thought there are millions upon millions there, you will be all alone. You will have no one to love, no one to tell the wonderful story of Christ to because it is too late.
  - 3. You will wish that your attitude would have been different while on Earth. You will wish that you could have given your all to preach the gospel (Mark 16:15).
  - 4. You would not have wasted your wealth on yourself, but would have helped those in need, like the rich man (Luke 16:19-23; 1 John 3:17). How you will wish you would have lived your life differently!

## **III. You Will Not Have To Stand**

- A. It is hard to go against the crowd and maybe you became weary of fighting the good fight of faith so you laid your weapons down (2 Corinthians 10:3-5; 1

Timothy 6:12; 2 Timothy 4:7). You will never have to wage warfare in Hell, but the regrets will flood your soul.

1. You did not want your friends to hear a gospel preacher lay it on the line. They might have gotten the idea that the religious world in which they were a part is incredibly splintered because of a refusal to follow the Bible.
  2. Furthermore, the truth on social issues such as abortion and homosexuality has to be proclaimed and you may suffer persecution because you refuse to compromise (1 Peter 4:16).
- B. Your friends made fun of you, so you became like them and hid your light under a bushel (Matthew 5:14-16). You feared them more than you feared God. But now you regret it. Oh, if you had only stood for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).
1. You were afraid to tell them of the truth while on Earth, and went along as though everything they did was fine.
  2. You dressed as they dressed, talked as they talked, and went to places (such as movies, parties, and dances) they went. And no one could tell a difference.

**Conclusion.** If you go to Hell, it will be your fault (Revelation 14:10-11). If you go to Hell, you will never forget this sermon. It is terrifying to fall into God's hands (Hebrews 10:26-31). It would not be terrifying if it were not possible for God to send someone to Hell. If you reject Jesus Christ, His sacrifice, His words, you will never have to wonder while in Hell, "Jesus will not send me to Hell, will He?" The answer will be reality.

Or, you can come to Him this hour, believing in Him, confessing His name before men, repenting of sins, and washing them away in His blood in baptism, gaining the hope of eternal life. No more suffering and fighting sin, but rather praising God for all eternity. Choose you this day whom you will serve.