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“O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” (Matt. 3:7)

Dear Prayer Partners

Missionary Message: The above words were spoken by John the Baptist to the religious leaders of the nation of Israel. What is “wrath to come?” Some hold it was the doom of Jerusalem by the fierce legions of Rome in September A.D. 70. No doubt, this is true, but it reaches further than that. Holy Scripture teaches the doctrine of future retribution. Even the rawest heathens whom I saw in Africa had their notions of punishments to be endured in another world, for crimes committed in this one. Conscience in every man’s breast is the agent of God, who placed it there, to inflict torture, often intolerably severe, for sins committed. It warns the transgressor, when he hears God’s voice in thunder and lightning, in storms, floods, and winds to tremble in view of the future eternal wrath of hell. Some sooth their conscience over the long years; then suddenly an act or word awakens it, and the awful torments return. Thus, the words of Joseph’s guilty brothers, “We are very guilty concerning our brother . . .” (Gen. 42:21). In others, the nagging voice of conscience sleeps, undisturbed, while life lasts but rouses in eternity! Damnation slumbering in the bosom of the godless; will be forever awakened upon their arrival in the city of the damned (2 Peter 2:3).

God’s judgment wrath will not *finally* be in this life, but more so in that which is to come. The rich man died, “And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments” (Lk. 16:23). God is to be feared because He not only destroys the human body, but the soul that lives within the body (Matt. 10:28). This destruction is described as “everlasting” (2 Thess. 1:9). “And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever and they have no rest day nor night . . .” (Rev. 14:11). Vain are the dreams of infatuated mortals, who suppose that the only punishment for sin is in this present life. The magnitude of suffering in hell may be inferred from the seriousness Scripture attaches to salvation. If divine wrath and damnation were trivial matters of moot importance then the cross and God’s Son dying for our sins pales into insignificance. No man can appreciate the gospel of eternal salvation until he is steel gripped by the doctrine of everlasting, conscience damnation. The wages of sin are still (eternal) death and the gift of God is still eternal live (Rom. 6:23).

Of what features hell consists, we cannot fully know in this life. However, it will include poignant remorse, a sense of divine wrath, thirst, recognition, weeping, wailing and teeth gnashing. The citizens of hell will understand that they are forever shut out from all, love, peace, goodness, brotherhood, and sweet comforts, into the blackness of darkness forever, spasmodically lightened by a rolling billow of fire. To be banished from the loving God of heaven would be hell within itself, but this fate is even worse! All the wordy debate from the Seventh Day Adventist, Jehovah’s Witnesses, and “greatly learned” critics, about “fire cannot burn forever and men being annihilated into ashes,” is the past time of fools. As heaven is a place, so is hell. Judas went to his own place (Acts 1:25). Hell is called “everlasting punishment” (Matt. 25:25). It is God’s permanent lock-up for the Devil and his angels. Followers of Lucifer will eventually move in with him, forever (Matt. 5:41). They become eternal citizens of that infernal society. Lastly, God will empty hell into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:11-15). Jesus said of this place three times, “the fire is not quenched” (Mk. 9:44, 46, 48). Amazingly, the word here for “quenched” is “asbestos,” a substance that will not burn up! Fireproof bodies and souls; *both* lost, doomed, and damned for endless eternity.

Reader or listener; are you ready to die? In what do you really trust? Both safety and salvation from hell are found only in Jesus Christ. “The name of the Lord is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it and is safe” (Prov. 18:19). “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Rom. 10:13). Awful wrath waits in eternity; hurry to Jesus and be saved.

Our well being: Due to physical decline, I have had to give up most preaching and teaching. We still send out God’s word to many persons and places and do what little we can. Thank you for helping us get this far. However, the trip is not that bad when you know it will end at home!

His happy slaves

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PS. If interested, see Laura Helton’s website for dozens of my messages. It is passitonministry.net. Overseas readers should log in at passitonministry.co.uk