



“Our Eternal Home”

Mark 9:42-48 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction – Today we will take a little rabbit trail on the subject of hell, since Jesus brings it up in His teaching of the disciples in Mark chapter 9.

I. The Biblical Reality of Hell.

- A. The word “hell” is not mentioned in the Old Testament, but the concepts of life after death, eternal punishment and eternal life are referred to.
- B. In the Old Testament when people died their eternal soul went to a place called Sheol, Hades, or the Pit.
- C. Jesus is the first person in the Bible to use the word “hell,” and uses a quote from Isaiah to describe it.
- D. The New Testament uses other terms to refer to hell.
- E. The Greek word “hell” is “Gehenna,” which is a transliteration of two Hebrew words meaning “Valley of Hinnon,” which was a literal garbage dump outside Jerusalem.
- F. Jesus uses the word “Gehenna” as a metaphor to describe the reality of hell which is undesirable, with unquenchable fire and unceasing decay.

- G. Hell is the final judgment and sentence of eternal destruction, being separated from God forever, for those who do not believe the Gospel.
- H. Hell was created for the Devil and his angels.
- I. What does a person need to do to end up in hell?

II. The Divine Rescue from Hell.

- A. God’s plan of redemption -
- B. When we believe in Jesus, our sin-bearer we do not come into judgment but are given the gift of eternal life.

III. Lessons to Learn from Hell’s Reality.

- A. There is life _____.
- B. We will face _____.
- C. The only rescue is _____.
- D. Be motivated to _____ and _____.
- E. Be encouraged that _____.
- F. Live in _____.
- G. When we return to Mark 9

Conclusion