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A Study on Hell

I. Worldwide Deaths:

- A. Approximately 2-3 people die every second!
- B. More than 150,000 die every day!
- C. The mortality rate is 100%!
- D. According to a Barna Poll in 2003:

- 1. 81% believe in an afterlife of some sort, 9% believe there may be an afterlife, and 10% believe there is no afterlife.!
- 2. 76 % of people believe in Heaven, and 63% believe that they'll go to Heaven.

II. Beliefs About Heaven:

- A. 46% - a state of eternal existence in the presence of God.!
- B. 30% - an actual place of rest and reward where souls go after death.!
 - a. 14% - Heaven is just symbolic.!
- C. 5% - there is no such thing as life after death.!
- D. 5% - they are not sure.

III. Beliefs About Hell.

- A. 71% believe in Hell.
- B. 39% of people believe that Hell is a state of eternal separation from God's presence.
- C. 32% believe that Hell is a place of eternal suffering and torment where a soul goes after death.
- D. 13% - a symbol of an unknown bad outcome after death.!
- E. 6% - no such thing or were unsure.!
- F. LA Times survey, Oct 2003, states that for every person who believes they're going to Hell there are 120 who think they're going to Heaven
 - 1. Where do people think they'll go after they die?
 - i. 64% believe they'll go to Heaven.
 - ii. 43% because they have confessed their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.
 - iii. 15% because they have tried to obey the 10 Commandments.
 - iv. 15% because they are a good person.
 - v. 6% because God loves all people and will not let them perish.

- vi. .5% believe they'll go to Hell.
- vii. 5% believe they'll come back in some other life form.!
- viii. 5% believe that they'll just cease to exist.
- ix. 24% have no idea where they will go.
- x. The more educated and wealthier a person is, the less likely they are to believe in Heaven or Hell.

IV. Is there a Hell?

- A. Increasingly, theologians deny the existence of Hell.
Recent survey - ~50% deny Hell exists.
- B. Pope John Paul – Hell is just a separation from God and not a place of eternal punishment so it should not be feared but accepted as a result of personal choice.
- C. There are 1380 verses attributed to Jesus in the Bible and 180 speak about Hell.

V. Four terms used in the Scripture for Hell:

- A. Hebrew-Sheol – used 31 times in OT; abode of the dead.
 - i. Deuteronomy 32:22.
 - ii. 2 Samuel 22:6.
 - iii. Job 11:8.
 - iv. Job 26:6.
 - v. Psalm 9:17.
 - vi. Psalm 16:10.
 - vii. Psalm 18:5.
 - viii. Psalm 55:15.
 - ix. Psalm 86:13.
 - x. Psalm 116:3.
 - xi. Psalm 139:8.
 - xii. Proverbs 5:5.
 - xiii. Proverbs 7:27.
 - xiv. Proverbs 9:18.
 - xv. Proverbs 15:11.
 - xvi. Proverbs 15:24.
 - xvii. Proverbs 23:14.
 - xviii. Proverbs 27:20.
 - xix. Isaiah 5:14.
 - xx. Isaiah 14:9.
 - xxi. Isaiah 14:15.
 - xxii. Isaiah 28:15.

- xxiii. Isaiah 28:18.
- xxiv. Isaiah 57:9.
- xxv. Ezekiel 31:16.
- xxvi. Ezekiel 31:17.
- xxvii. Ezekiel 32:21.
- xxviii. Ezekiel 32:27.
- xxix. Amos 9:2.
- xxx. Jonah 2:2.
- xxxi. Habakkuk 2:5.

B. Greek-Tartaros (2 Peter 2:4) – used once in NT; special place of judgment for wicked angels.

C. Greek-Gehenna – used 13 times in the New Testament; lake of fire, Valley of Hinnom.

- i. Matthew 5:22.
- ii. Matthew 5:29.
- iii. Matthew 5:30.
- iv. Matthew 10:28.
- v. Matthew 18:9
- vi. Matthew 23:15.
- vii. Matthew 23:33.
- viii. Mark 9:43.
- ix. Mark 9:45.
- x. Mark 9:47-48.
- xi. Luke 12:5.
- xii. James 3:6.
- xiii. 2 Peter 2:4.

D. Greek-Hades – used 11 times in the New Testament; temporary destination for the unsaved.

- i. Matthew 11:23.
- ii. Matthew 16:18.
- iii. Luke 10:15.
- iv. Luke 16:23.
- v. Acts 2:27.
- vi. Acts 2:31.
- vii. 1 Corinthians 15:55.
- viii. Revelation 1:18
- ix. Revelation 6:8.
- x. Revelation 20:13.
- xi. Revelation 20:14.

E. Greek-Lake of Fire

- i. Revelation 19:20.
- ii. Revelation 20:10.
- iii. Revelation 20:14.
- iv. Revelation 20:15,

F. Eternal Punishment.

- i. Revelation 14:10-11.
- ii. Daniel 12:2.
- iii. Matthew 25:46.
- iv. Mark 9:47-48.
- v. Isaiah 66:24.

VI. What did Jesus say about Hell?

- A. “Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matt. 10:28)
- B. “The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will throw them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matt.13:41-42)
- C. “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’...these will go away into eternal punishment...” (Matt. 25:41,46)
- D. “These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.” (2 Thess. 1:9)
- E. “And he cried out and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.’” (Luke 17:24)!
- F. “Then the king said to the servants, ‘bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth’.” (Matt. 22:13)
- G. By definition, Hell is a place of eternal punishment and not annihilation.
- H. Rev. 19:20 – the beast and false prophet are thrown into the lake of fire before the millennium.
- I. Rev. 20:10 – the devil is thrown into the lake of fire a thousand years later where the beast and false prophet are still alive.

- J. Rev. 20:15 – “and if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”
- K. Hell is a real place of eternal torment just like Heaven is a real place of eternal joy.