

# Is Heaven and Hell Real - Part 2 Wednesday Bible Study 3-11-2026

When we speak of hell there are 5 terms to consider.

1. Sheol (Hebrew) - grave (Old Testament)
2. Hades (Greek) - underworld (New Testament) Influence by Greek Mythology- God of the Dead and Wife Persephone
3. Purgatory - a state of purification (not in the KJV) Plato Influenced
4. Hell - place of torment for those who die separated from God
5. Lake of Fire - place of torment for Satan and his angels

## Hell Characteristics

### Everlasting Punishment

- **Matthew 3:9-12**
  - **9** And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.
  - **10** And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
  - **11** I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:
  - **12** Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.
- **Matthew 25:41**
  - **41** Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

### Place of Torment and Darkness

- **Matthew 22:13**
  - **13** Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness, there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

### Physical and Spiritual Suffering

- **Matthew 13:42**
  - **42** And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.
- **Mark 9:48**
  - Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

### Lake of Fire Characteristics

This is the place of the second death for those who die separated from God!

● **Revelations 20:10-15**

- **10** And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.
- **11** And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.
- **12** And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
- **13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.
- **14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
- **15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

The Lake of Fire is worse than hell because it is prepared as a final judgement for Satan and his demons not the souls of people!

It is characterized by intense, unquenchable fire, complete separation from God, and, according to some interpretations, never-ending torment or agonizing, conscious punishment.