

Friday Meditation

Read: Revelation 21:1-5

Questions:

1. What will happen to heaven and earth?
2. In verse 3, what significant event will happen once again as in the days of Eden?
3. What will be missing in heaven that exists today on the earth?

There are only two kinds of people—those who say “Thy will be done” to God or those whom God in the end says, “Thy will be done.” All that are in Hell choose it.

Without that self-choice it wouldn't be Hell. No soul that seriously and constantly desires joy (of God) will ever miss it.

-- C.S. Lewis

Prayer: Lord Almighty, may I choose to always order my life to know you more and grow in the grace of Jesus that I may love all people and serve You and them with joy. In Jesus Name.

Amen

May God be with you today my friend and rest on his unchanging love and grace r you. See you Sunday!

[Sermon Note Answers: sinful, hearts, god, idol, ignore, peril, separation, presence, distance, draw near, people, choose, choice]

Sermon Notes

February 26, 2017 -- 2 Thessalonians 1:3-10

A Loving God, Send People to Hell?

Question 1: How can God be both loving and wrathful?

Based on Romans 1, God allows us to make our choices and chase the _____ desires of our _____.

“A ____ who is all love, all grace, all mercy, no sovereignty, no justice, no holiness, and no wrath is an _____.”

-- R.C. Sproul

If you _____ God... it is at your own _____.

Question 2: How can a loving God allow people to go to hell?

Biblically: To those who don't believe/know/follow Jesus, there will be eternal _____ from God.

They shall be shut out from the _____ of the Lord and from the glory of his might. (2 Thess 1:9)

As people give themselves over to their desires, they either _____ themselves from God such that they are now separated by a great chasm, or they _____ to God.

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Monday Meditation

Read: Genesis 1:31; John 3:36

Questions:

1. What does God say about all of his creation?
2. Even though God loves all people, who are those who will not see eternal life?
3. What is it God will pour out on them?

Prayer: *Lord, help me to order my life to follow you and to help those who don't know you yet to embrace Jesus, their Savior. In Jesus name.*

Amen

Tuesday Meditation

Read: 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Questions:

1. Why would God punish someone? (vs.6,8)
2. Verse 9 says that people will be shut out from God's presence. What does that say to you about what hell might be?
3. If God is light, love and joy, what might be the place that is absent of God?

Prayer: *Lord, this day I renew my faith in Jesus as Your Son, Savior of the world. Help me know and love you fully today. In Jesus Name. Amen.*

Wednesday Meditation

Read: Luke 16:19-31

Questions:

1. What do you see about hell in verse 23 of this parable Jesus tells?
2. In verse 25, what is the difference between the two characters?

Prayer: *Holy God, help me to make a difference now in this world so that others may live eternally with you. In Jesus name. Amen*

Thursday Meditation

Re-read: Luke 16:19-31

Questions:

1. In verse 26 of this parable, Jesus indicates what about hell and heaven?
2. Based on verses 27-31, when must a person make their choice on how their eternity will be spent?
3. Have you already committed yourself to be a follower of Jesus? If not, will you decide today?

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, help me to live my life in service of you and of others today. In Jesus Name. Amen.*