

“And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into Hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm (maggot) dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into Hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the Kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes To Be Cast Into Hell Fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.” Mark 9:43-48 KJV



Just as we cannot imagine fully the ecstasy and pleasure of Heaven, men cannot fully comprehend the torment of Hell! Lava is the closest thing we have to it on earth, but Hell is infinitely worse. The word “hell” in today’s passage which Jesus used was a colloquialism. Every person who heard it knew what He meant. He used the word “geenna (*gheh'-en-nah*) of Hebrew origin; *valley of* (the son of) *Hinnom*; a valley south of Jerusalem; used (figuratively) as a name for the place (or state) of everlasting punishment: - hell. It is the same place they used in ancient times to build altars to Baal. I believe it was king Josiah who tore down the altars of the valley and turned it into the city dump. It was a place lepers frequented and died. Fires burned there constantly to destroy the corpses and garbage, but Hell is a place of eternal corruption and rotteness. Jesus said it three times; *“Where their worm (maggot) dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”* There is no light in Hell. *“And cast ye the unprofitable servant into OUTER DARKNESS.”* Hell has no bottom; it is a place of continual falling. *“And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a Star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the Bottomless Pit. And he opened the BOTTOMLESS PIT; and there arose a smoke out of the Pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the Pit.”* Hell is a place of eternal sorrow and pain. *“There shall be weeping (sorrow) and gnashing (grinding) of teeth (pain), and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.”* But Hell is not the final destination of the damned. There is a worse place. *“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. And Death and Hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the Second Death. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire.”*

The darkest dark, the blackest black,
A place where torment has no lack,
Hell is no myth; it is a fact,
And there will be no turning back! –CGP

Are you sure you have a Home in Heaven? You better be sure! Hell is everything Heaven is not!

“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” 1 John 5:13 KJV