

## Some Things God Will And Will Not Do

### Introduction.

- I. This story is told about C.S. Lewis who did a lot of writing on the Christian faith. Once he was listening to a young preachers's sermon on the subject of God's judgment. At the end of his message, the young man said, "If you do not receive Christ as Savior, you will suffer eschatological ramifications!" After the service, Lewis asked him the question, "Do you mean that a person who doesn't believe in Christ will go to hell?" The young preacher said, "Precisely," Then Lewis said, "Then say so!"
  - A. This story illustrates something that most Christians know, but few feel comfortable discussing.
    1. The reality and doctrine of hell is offensive even to many believers and they do not like to hear about it or discuss it.
    2. More and more believers would like it to be the grave or deny it altogether.
  - B. Many who claim to be believers deny the reality of hell, and nearly 40% of Americans deny the reality of hell.
  - C. **Only about 4%** of the American people believe hell is the place of their own personal destination.
  - D. In spite of the discomfort of many believers and the denial of many people that hell exists, it is a reality.
- II. I would like to begin this lesson by reading some scriptures that establish the reality of hell.

**MATT 5:22 "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.**

**MATT 10:28 "And 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 18:8 "And if your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it from you; it is better for you to enter life crippled or lame, than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the eternal fire.  
9 "And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into the fiery hell.**

**MAT 23:33 "You serpents, you brood of vipers, how shall you escape the sentence of hell?**

A. **Jesus also taught that hell is a place not only for the devil and his angels, but for those who reject Him.**  
(Matt. 25:41).

B. It is a **place of weeping.**

**MAT 24:51 and shall cut him in pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites; weeping shall be there and the gnashing of teeth.**

C. It is **eternal in its duration**. (Matt. 25:46).

MAT 25:46 "And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

D. It is a **place of torment** and a **place of no rest or relief**.

**REV 14:11 "And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."**

II. This scriptures and many others show, without question, that hell is a real place and it is a place of eternal torment or punishment.

A. This fearful reality has caused some to question God's love for man and willingness to save all men.

1. It has caused some to think that God is a harsh and unloving God.
2. These conclusions are false and reveal a gross misunderstanding of the gracious God of heaven.

B. Let us note some things God will and will not do to keep us out of hell.

I. **Some Things God Will Not Do** - Here are some things God will not do.

A. God will not **take away our freedom of choice**.

1. Some think God should have **made us robots without freedom choice**.
  - a. In reality they want to do as they please, but condemn God for letting them make choices that lead to condemnation.
  - b. God wants to be loved and served and worshiped by creatures who can choose.

2. **We are free moral agents**. We have the power to choose what we will do.

3. Some choose to obey God and some choose not to obey.

- a. Many choose to travel the broad and easy road of sin and destruction. (Matt. 7:13, 14).
- b. Many simply will not obey. They choose to do their own will, and spurn and reject the will of God. They choose to do what is right in their own eyes rather than to obey their Creator.

B. He will **not save us in our sins**.

1. God's justice will not permit Him to overlook our sins.
2. God's justice demands that we repent of our own sins.
3. He demands that we turn from our sins and accept the atonement in Christ. (Lk. 13:3, 5; Jn. 8:24).

C. God will **not save us on the basis of our morality alone**.

1. Morality is important and the scriptures admonish us to walk uprightly. (Psa. 1:2; Rom. 12:1,2; Jas. 1:27; 1 Pet. 2:1).

2. God will not save us just because we live a moral life.
3. We must be washed in the blood of Christ. We must trust in the blood of Jesus and be covered by His blood. (Heb. 9:22).
4. Our hearts must be sprinkled with His blood. (1 Pet. 1:2).

**D. He will not change His law because we do not want to obey it.**

1. Some do not want to obey God's law.
2. They want God to change His perfect laws to fit their imperfect life style and preferences.
3. God's law is not to be changed.
  - a. It is perfect and it is eternal. (Matt. 24:36).
  - b. It equips us for every good work. (2 Tim. 3:17).
4. We have been warned not to change it. (1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9).
5. **One day we will be judged by it.** (Jn. 12:48).

**II. Some Things God Will Do - Here are some things God will do to save man.**

**A. He let His Son die for us.**

1. Jesus was God precious Son, but out of His great love He sent Him into the world.
2. He gave His Son to die on the cross for us. (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8).

**B. He has given us the gospel.** (Mk. 16:15; Rom. 1:16).

1. The gospel is no ordinary message. It is "the power of God unto salvation."
2. God's message is more powerful than can be described with the human tongue and has saved and changed millions throughout the centuries.
3. It will save all who submit to it. (Jas. 1:21).

**C. He continues to be good to us even when we do not repent,** even when we spurn Him. (Rom. 2:4).

**D. God is patient with us.**

1. Some of us have said "no" to God over and over again.
2. Some of us have said "no" to God perhaps hundreds of times.
3. God is patient with us and does not strike us dead because we reject Him.
4. He is patient, not because He has to be, but because He wants us to be saved. (2 Pet. 3:9).

## E. God loves us and willing to receive us.

1. Regardless of the number of times we have sinned and said “no” to God, He loves us and wants us to be saved.
2. He desires all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of truth. (1 Tim. 2:4).
3. **Luke told a wonderful story about God’s willingness to receive man.** (Lk. 15:11-32).

## Conclusion.

I. **God wants you to be saved.** He desires your fellowship. He wants you to escape hell. He wants you to enjoy all the good things He has prepared for you. He wants you to be with Him in heaven forever.

## II. But the choice is yours.

- A. God is not going to force you to come down the aisle and obey Him. He is not going to force us to confess the name of His Son. He is not going to force you into the baptistry. He is not going to force you to live for Him.
- B. Don’t break God’s heart and end up in hell. Do not disgrace the sacrifice of Christ by your rejection of Him.
- C. **During World War II a young army captain was wounded** while dragging a wounded sergeant to safety. The young captain later died. The sergeant recovered. The captain’s parents were told of their son’s heroism and bravery. After the war was over they invited the sergeant to their home for dinner. He arrived late and half-drunk. He used terrible manners. He never even mentioned their dead son who had saved his life. He gobbled down his food and left without saying thank you. When he left the mother burst into tears saying, “To think that our son had to die for an ungrateful person like that!”

## III. God’s Son has died for you.

- A. Are you ungrateful like that sergeant? Or will you give your life totally for Him and make Him your Lord?
- B. **Come to Christ today.** Let God save you by covering you with the blood of His beloved Son. Come as we stand and sing.

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