

“HOW TO GO TO HELL”

(Hebrews 3:7-19)

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The very LAST place I want to see any of you go is hell.

“But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to the judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.”

Matthew 5:22

Peter added:

But if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them in gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment... the Lord knows how to rescue godly men from trials and to hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment while continuing their punishment.

2Peter 2:4, 9

And Jesus showed John this CHILLING future:

Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. If anyone's name is not found in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:14

The Holy Spirit warns:

I. Do not HARDEN your heart

All biblical writers were guided by the Holy Spirit.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

2Timothy 3:16

The Holy Spirit declared the truths of Psalm 95, repeated here in Hebrews 3. And he begins by warning the CHRISTIANS as God had warned the Israelites, against the hardening of their hearts.

II. Do not doubt the RESULT of a hardened heart

The Hebrews tested and tried God. They did not TRUST him and take the land he had promised. Because of their lack of trust, God declared they would “Never enter my rest.”

That declaration has two implications:

- 1) The disobedient were prevented from finding rest in the land God had provided, an IMMEDIATE dire consequence.**
- 2) The disobedient would NEVER enter God's rest, which is heaven, a much more chilling consequence. To the Hebrew Christians, and us, our author counsels:**

III. Do encourage one another, before it is too LATE

We can encourage one another to trust God, to believe in him and ESPECIALLY his provision of salvation through the life and death of Jesus. Tomorrow may be TOO late.

*You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. James 5:8
The end of all things is near. 1Peter 4:7*

IV. Do not let UNBELIEF send you to hell

The Bible is clear that the path to heaven is JESUS, the only way:

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

If you have believed in Jesus and accepted him as your Lord, you WILL be saved. If not, HELL is awaiting.

Jesus paid for all sins but one, which he called UNFORGIVABLE:

"I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an unforgivable sin." Mark 3:28-29

What is blaspheme of the Holy Spirit? Simply, calling him a LIAR. It is disbelieving his TESTING about Jesus, who said:

But when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. John 16:13-14

The Spirit of God has offered you an ESCAPE from hell and a better life now – in Jesus.

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

**"God never sends anyone to hell. He just allows them to choose their own destination."
- Reverend Billy Graham**

When this life is over, you will EITHER be with God in heaven or far from him in hell.

If you want to go to hell, blaspheme the Spirit. If you'd RATHER go to heaven, trust in Jesus and his Spirit, who has declared: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28