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## **Doctrinal Points**

## Can a God of Love Send People to Hell?

### QUESTION:

*I am a freshman in college, and I suppose you could call me rebellious. Really, I am not; it is just that I can't swallow everything like I used to. For instance, we are told that God is a God of love. Yet the Bible also tells us that God sends everyone to hell who won't serve Him. How is that any different from the pagan god who, his followers believe, will destroy their house or burn up their crops if they don't serve him? What is the difference?*

### ANSWER:

The difference, my young friend, is as great as the vastness of the universe. Your ignorance is showing through, both in your concept of God and your understanding of the Scriptures.

Permit me first to bring to your attention the love and fairness of God. I do this to help you see the absolute uniqueness of Christianity above all the other religions of the earth. No other religion has a God who loved mankind enough to come down to this earth, wrap Himself in human flesh, and then put Himself into the hands of wicked men and allow them to do what they wanted with Him. They beat Him, spat on Him, laughed at Him, derided Him, scorned Him, and despised Him. He who loves every one of His creatures, who has healed them, blessed them, and comforted them, gave Himself to death for them. No other religion on the face of this planet has a God like that, a God of infinite love and compassion who

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would love His erring children enough to die for them—none except Christianity. We have good news to tell the world!

Let me call your attention to the little heathen woman who, with tears in her eyes and a broken heart, casts her infant daughter to the crocodiles to appease the wrath of her god, a god she loathes, yet whom she must serve in this way upon penalty of the most dire and arbitrary consequences by a capricious and bloodthirsty god. Does her god make her happy and contented like ours? Far from it; she lives in abject terror, hoping she has appeased his wrath for a time.

You suggest that our God would throw us into hell if we do not serve Him, and dare to equate that with the vicious heathen god.

Your analogy simply does not hold water, my friend. In the first place God is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (II Peter 3:9). It is the devil who desires to take people to hell with him, not God. The Bible plainly tells us that hell was made, not for mankind, but for the devil and his angels (Matthew 25:41). God is doing everything He can to deliver people from Satan and hell, even to dying on the cross for them. To go to hell, a person must spit in the face of Jesus Christ who died for him. If a person will not serve Christ, he is then a slave to Satan and will go where Satan goes: to the lake of fire.

Now let me point out to you a very important fact. Our God, only He, is able to bring about true and absolute justice to every individual. The Bible says that those who are cast into the lake of fire are judged every one “according to their works” (Revelation 20:11-15). This means



that all the scales will be balanced, that ultimately absolute and exquisite fairness will be meted out to all individuals, that what has not been balanced out in life will be balanced out after death.

For example, let us think of Adolf Hitler. He was one of the most cruel, vicious, unprincipled men who ever existed, undoubtedly at least the equivalent of Nero and Stalin. Under his regime in Germany literally millions of people were tortured and slain. Families were rent asunder, women and children slaughtered. He was instrumental in bringing untold heartache and sorrow into the lives and families of millions around the world. He remained in power until the day of his death when he sent a bullet crashing through his head. He never suffered one moment's punishment or just retribution for all the anguish and sorrow he brought into the lives of people and nations around the world. You may say, "He got by with it. He rode high like a king, lived in the height of luxury, brought the world the greatest suffering ever known, and then just POOF! Oblivion! His victims of several generations suffer to this day, and he goes scot-free! Where is the fairness to all this?"

If there were no hell, no lake of fire, no judgment after death, you would be right. People might as well live high, knock anybody down who gets in their way, and grab all they can while the getting is good, because this life is all there is, and nobody will have to pay for his sins.

But the truth is that someday God will balance the scales. Hitler will be brought to account as well as everyone else. The fact is that there must be a hell so that people can receive justice for their hideous sins. Hitler is an example. He will not get by!