

## **A Very Populated Unpopular Place**

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1) The Character of God demands the existence of hell.

2) The Wretchedness of Man demands the existence of hell.

3) The Place of Hell Includes Separation from God forever.

4) The Place of Hell encompasses Fire and Darkness.

- *Fires of hell* – Matt. 5:22; 7:19; 13:40, 42, 50; 18:8-9; 25:41; Mark 9:43, 48-49; Luke 16:24; John 15:6.
- "*Gehenna*" – Matt. 5:22, 29,30; 10:28; 18:9; 23:15, 33; Mark 9:43, 45, 47; Luke 12:5.

Gehenna was the designation of a valley to the south and southwest of Jerusalem where garbage was dumped to furnish fuel for a fire that burned continually. Earlier the place had acquired a bad reputation because of sacrifices offered to the god Moloch there. The name became the equivalent to the hell of the last judgment.

5) The Place of Hell Continues with no Hope and weeping and gnashing of Teeth.

Matt. 8:12; 13:42, 50; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; and Luke 13:28.

6) The Place of Hell endures for All of Eternity.

#### Two false teachings in regard to eternal punishment:

***conditional immortality*** – The belief that the human soul's eternal existence is dependent on God's gracious act of sustaining it. Those who hold to conditional immortality suggest that the human soul is given eternal life only as a gift and that those who do not receive the gift of eternal life (the unsaved) will cease to exist sometime after death, either immediately or at the final judgment. Also called *annihilationism*.

***classic universalism*** – The belief that all persons will be saved. Hence universalism involves the affirmation of universal salvation and the denial of eternal punishment. Universalists believe that ultimately all humans are somehow in union with Christ and that in the fullness of time they will gain release from the penalty of sin and be restored to God.