Some Thoughts on Heaven & Hell

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In heaven there will be no unhappy people. In hell there will be no happy people. In heaven there will be no disappointed, no discouraged, no disheartened people. In hell there will only be disappointed people, none contented, none at ease. In heaven there will be only peace and rest. In hell there will be only turmoil and torment.

In heaven there will be only saved, redeemed, righteous and innocent people. All of the babies and little children taken by death will be there. All of those who never became accountable will be there. All of those who were redeemed from sin and who lived and died in Christ will be there. In hell there will be no babies or little children, only responsible people who lived irresponsibly and died separated from God and lost.

In heaven there will be perfect sights, and patterns, and colors, and sounds. The beauty of everything will excel the beauties of God's physical creation. In hell there will be no flowers, no lovely aromas, no pleasant sights, no beautiful scenes, no sweet sounds, no music, no laughter.

In heaven there will be no disappointments, no disease, no sickness, no pain, no sorrow, no crying, no death (Revelation 21:4). In hell there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 8:12; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30). In hell there will be no cessation of pain (Matthew 25:46; Revelation 14:11; 20:10). In hell no desire can be satisfied, and no memory can bring comfort.

In heaven there will be no darkness (Revelation 21:23; 22:5). In hell there will be no light (Jude 13; Matthew 25:30). In heaven there will be gates of pearl, walls of jasper, streets of gold, and beauties unsurpassed (Revelation 21:10-21). In heaven there will be the tree of life and the river of life (Revelation 22:1-2). In hell there will be neither trees nor water; there will be a furnace of fire (Matthew 13:42, 50), a lake of fire and brimstone (Revelation 20:10; 21:8). In heaven there will be life; in hell there will be death, but not annihilation.

In heaven there will be God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the multitudes of faithful angels, the cherubim and seraphim, the faithful prophets, apostles and saints of all ages. In hell there will be the devil and his angels, fallen angels, all the demons, the false prophets, priests and teachers, all the worst of human beings who cursed the earth with their presence and their lives, and all of those who through ignorance, indifference, carelessness or neglect, procrastination lived and died in sin. You and I will be among them, in one place or the other — forever. WHAT ARE YOU LIVING FOR? HEAVEN? OR HELL? It is your decision.

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