

## “Hell on Earth”? – NO!

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**T**here are no heavens or hells in this life, and upon this earth, but men still insist upon labeling certain experiences as such. (“What I had to suffer was like hell on earth” or “It was such a wonderful feeling that it was like heaven on earth.”) After one has entered heaven, he will know and testify that there was really nothing to compare with it on earth. Likewise, after one has been cast into hell, he will know and testify that there was really nothing to compare with it on earth.

In heaven there will be no temptation to sin, no sin, no sorrow, no disappointment, no sickness, no pain, no tears, no separations, no death, no darkness. There will be perfect joy, happiness, peace, contentment, rest, righteousness. And heaven will be forever.

In hell there will be separation from God, darkness, memory (but none that can comfort), regret, remorse, suffering and torment – hell is described as a furnace of fire, a lake of fire, a lake of fire and brimstone, a place where the fire is not quenched, a place where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And hell will be forever.

In this life there may be wonderful experiences that seem to us to be a “foretaste” of heaven, but its unending joys are incomparable. In this life, also, there may be unpleasant, bitter, painful even horrible experiences that we either create for ourselves or suffer at the hands of others, but have enough faith in the Bible and know enough about what it teaches to believe and know that the horrors of hell will exceed any such experiences here ten thousand-fold. And never speak lightly or flippantly about forfeiting your hope of heaven or of being resigned to your fate in hell, **FOR YOU DON'T KNOW AT ALL WHAT YOU ARE SAYING!**

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