



One-Minute Answers to Skeptics

with Charlie Campbell from AlwaysBeReady.com

“A loving God would never send people to Hell.”

Mind if I ask you a question? What would people think of the local judge if he let unrepentant murderers, thieves, rapists, and child molesters go free and even rewarded them? Would people think the judge was loving? No. Throngs of people would protest at the courthouse, passionately yelling how wrong and immoral the judge was. They would be outraged over the lack of justice. And wouldn't you agree with them? It would be unloving of the judge to set criminals free and reward them. A good judge upholds the law. He locks up dangerous criminals. He quarantines them out of love for humanity and the wellbeing of his neighbors.

Well, like the good earthly judge, the Bible assures us that God, the loving, just Judge of the universe, is also going to judge people for their sins. The unrepentant, who turn away God's offer of forgiveness, will be quarantined in Hell, not only as just recompense for their crimes, but also to prevent them from ever again inflicting harm on others (Romans 2:5-6; Revelation 20:11-15).

But friend, realize this, a person won't end up in Hell because God sends him there. The person will have made the journey there himself. By that, I mean that Hell is the end of a long path (Matthew 7:13-14) that is chosen in this life, every day, as a person exercises his will.

Those who end up in Hell will have ignored the evidence for God that was made clear in creation (Romans 1:18-20). They will have resisted the convicting work of their consciences (Romans 2:14-15). They will have resisted the work of the Holy Spirit who convicts the world of sin (John 16:8). In many cases, they will have rejected God's messengers who shared God's offer of forgiveness with them (Matthew 23:34; Luke 11:49; Romans 8:36; Hebrews 11:37). They will have made it clear that they didn't want to know God. And they didn't want Jesus to be their Savior. At the end of their lives, God will grant them the desire of their hearts, existence without God. But no God means no Heaven and none of the blessings He has for those who are with Him.

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