

## You Don't Have to Die Twice!

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### ➤ Intro:

- **SR - Heb. 9:27** each of us must die at least once, but some people will die twice
  - **whether you die once or twice is up to you – you decide**
- **lesson:** You Don't Have To Die Twice!

### ➤ What is the second death? – hell

- **Rev. 20:11-15** second death is being **cast into the lake of fire and brimstone**, where everyone is thrown whose name is not in the book of life
- - **Rev. 20:7, 10a** where **Satan will be** for eternity
  - **Matt. 25:41** hell, **place of eternal punishment prepared for devil and his angels**
- - **Rev. 21:8** where the sinful are, who did not obey God (**Matt. 25:31-46**)
  - **illus.: work hard today to stay away from evil people** who want to kill and rape and destroy - lock doors, protect ourselves, pay for police and military
    - **we should work even harder to keep those people away from us in eternity – to go to heaven**
- - **Rev. 20:10b** the second death is being **tormented day and night forever**
  - **illus.: Sodom and Gomorrah**, destroyed with fire and brimstone, punishment of wicked, example for us today (**2 Pet. 2:6; Jude 1:7**)
- - **you don't have to experience the second death, you make the decision, and determine it by the way you choose to live**
  - **Rev. 3:5** obey (overcome) God, name written in book of life
  - **Rev. 2:11** not obey (overcome) God and be hurt by the second death – eternity in hell

➤ **Hell is a place of . . .**

- **2 Pet. 2:4** hell is place of **torment** – **place sinful angels kept**

- **“hell” / Tartarus (Greek *tartaroo*): place of punishment**, which some think is only for angels who sinned – whichever is the case, demonstrates that hell is a place of punishment

- **2 Pet. 2:4-6 context: God punishes the wicked**

➤ - **Matt. 25:30** (parable talents) hell place of **pain and suffering** – *outer darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth*  
– opposite of reward, joy of master

- **“outer darkness”**: **place of torment** – darkness that drives a man mad

- **illus.:** Fox, reality TV show, **Solitary**, contestants experience the agony of solitary confinement

- **illus.:** **solitary confinement** used as **punishment of prisons**, and a technique to **break down prisoners of war** – POWs in Vietnam

- **“weeping and gnashing of teeth”**: **signifies one who’s experiencing torment**

- **2 Th. 1:8-9** darkness is **absence of light**, thus this darkness of darkness represents place without God, **“eternal destruction, away from the presence of God”** – *ultimate torment and punishment*

➤ - **Matt. 25:41** hell described as place of *eternal fire* – *extreme pain and suffering*

- **illus.:** **Elbert Hurst**, electrician, electrical box blew up, lived in hospital burn unit for months, extreme pain and anguish

- **illus. R - Matt. 13:41-43, 47-50** **parables, tares and dragnet**, fire, weeping and gnashing of teeth

➤ - **Heb. 10:30-31** hell is a place of **vengeance**, terrifying, those who sin willfully

- **Heb. 12:28-29** **God a consuming fire** – *extreme punishment*

- **Heb. 12:22-24** **only way to avoid God’s wrath is to be a faithful member of His church**

- **hell is a place of torment, pain and suffering, God’s vengeance, where punishes the wicked**

- the last place you ever want to be, no matter what

- only way to stay out is obey, be faithful member of Lord’s church

- **No one in torment will want to be there, or want anyone else to be there with them!**
  - **illus.: a common lie about hell – it’s fun**
    - **school mate**, not care if he went to hell, figured he’s be so busy shaking hands with his friends he wouldn’t care - **don’t be deceived: Jesus tells us something different**
  
- **- Jesus refers to Gehenna (hell), the place of eternal punishment**
  - **Matt. 5:22, 29, 30 “hell”**, 3 of the times Jesus used the word
  - **“hell” / Gehenna (Greek *genna*):** originally the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem
    - **place where the idolatrous Jews burned their children** alive to Moloch and Baal, in a place called Tophet ("fire-stove")
    - **after the Exile, the Jews made this valley the receptacle for their trash and dead animals**, which was **burned** around the clock
    - **Jesus uses “hell” to denote the punishment of filthy and corruptible of mankind, who do not obey God**
  - **no one wants to live upon the earth in such a place as hell**
    - stench of trash and dead bodies, fire 24/7, place where babies were brutally sacrificed to an idol
  
- **- illus.: rich man and Lazarus**, both died and went to Hades, rich man in torment, Lazarus in Paradise (Abraham’s bosom)
  - **Lk. 16:23-25 rich man not want to be there**, no relief, Lazarus couldn’t cross over and give him a drop of water
  - **Lk. 16:27-31 rich man not want his family to go there**
    - **Lk. 16:31 people in torment hope lost souls will obey God, so they don’t have to go there**
  - **anyone who goes to hell:**
    - **will want** to get out, but can’t
    - **would not want** their friends or family to go there
  
- **The second death (hell) is for eternity!**
  - **Matt. 25:46 punishment in hell is for eternity** – the same length as the reward in heaven, eternal life
  - **illus.: parable 10 virgins, 5 unprepared virgins late, shut out forever (Matt. 25:1-12)**
    - **must be prepared for the Lord to come, no second chance**
  
- **- Rev. 20:14; 21:8; 22:14-15 second death, no way to resurrect**, no chance of entering city of God, outside forever – **once in hell, always in hell**
  
- **Summary / Inv.**
  - **You don’t have to die twice!** – you can obey God, name written in book of life, go to heaven rather than cast into lake of fire and brimstone
  - **Are you ready for eternity? Will you enter into heaven, or be cast into hell?**
  - **choice: You don’t have to die twice, but have to make preparation in this life before you die, if you want to life forever! Are you prepared for eternity? - inv.**