

6. HELL

Today's Verses:

Mark 9:43
John 14:6
2 Chronicles 28:2-3
2 Kings 23:10

Matthew 10:28
Matthew 25:34,
41, 30
Genesis 1:1
John 3:20-21

Matthew 13:42
Revelation 19:8
Romans 5:8
2 Samuel 14:2

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INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTER 5:

Today in our Reason for God series we are talking about the biblical concept of a place called Hell. In the book, Keller will talk a lot about how the doctrine of Hell isn't as bizarre as modern hearers think, it's actually not only practical, but logical. Where divine judgement for our culture is one of Christianity's most offensive doctrines, it can also be shown to be one of the greatest testimonies about God's righteousness, justice, and grace.

DISCUSSION

Growing up, what was your view of Hell?

Is that still your view or has it changed?

How?

EXPLANATION

What would have been the purpose of Jesus frequently talking about Hell?

Should we be a people who fear Hell?

How can the idea of Hell help us to understand our broken humanity?

APPLICATION – READ 2 SAMUEL 14:2

Why is Hell a good thing to remember when thinking about our salvation?

How can we better focus on Christ's rescue of us when we have a proper understanding of Hell?

How has God brought us all back from being outcasts?

MISSION

Whereas the subject of Hell is probably a terrible discussion starter for someone who is not a believer, if the topic does come up, what is the best way to address it?

Since God doesn't use Hell to scare us into heaven, what does God use to draw us to Himself?

HOMEWORK

Read Chapter 5 in the Reason for God.