

## WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HELL?

### ABOUT THE PAIN

What does the Bible say about hell? How do we need to consider it in the light of the scriptures? In the times in which we are living now, this topic has become taboo (if we can call it so). There are persons, groups, and even churches that don't believe much in it and don't speak much of it. My personal opinion is that obviously is not that we have to talk about every time of it or we need to mention it whenever we take the message of the gospel to someone, but we need to be cautious that this place exists and the motivations for which we do things need to include the awareness of it. If God saves us, then we need to know what He is saving us from. It is not only from a wrong lifestyle but from something much greater and worse, and this is hell. In the Bible, Sheol, Gehenna, and Hades are also mentioned, and often there have been discussions on which one indicates the final judgment and which one is just where the dead reside before that. What is clear is that this is mentioned at various times. Jesus spoke of it. Let's first see some verses.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pants together until now. (Romans 8:18-22)

Here in this passage of Romans, we see how the creation was subjected to futility, and it also says that one day it will be delivered from the corruption. Let's keep this in mind and go to the following passage.

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

Here we see how heaven will be. With no pain and suffering.

"Your pomp is brought to down to Sheol, and the sound of your stringed instruments; the maggot is spread under you and worms cover you." (Isaiah 14:11)

Here in this verse, instead is described the hell. In this context, this is directed to a Babylonian king, but at the same time is about Lucifer, as the whole of this chapter in Isaiah speaks about the judgment that will be upon him. We see the name used here is Sheol, and how this passage describes the place is similar to how it is described in other places of the Scriptures. Worms are mentioned. There is another place as well that mentions worms, and this is in Mark 9:44,

“where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’” What does it come to our mind when we think about a worm? I usually think of putrefaction, of something rotten. We have to know that all of this is the fruit of the corruption that has invaded our world.

I mean that before everything, before man’s downfall into sin, everything was perfect. Altogether, with complete justice and the perfect relationship between God and man, there was also the consequence of this perfect harmony among them, and that was that also nature was bearing the signs of eternity. Nothing was dying, nothing was going off, and nothing was getting rotten. Everything was perfect and eternal. That was God’s design for how everything was going to function. Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden were perfect. They were strong; they were always healthy. They were never getting tired. Everything was eternal. Nothing was aging; nothing was getting old. What happened then? A law was broken. The man and the woman sinned by disobeying God. Many things went out of order then. And corruption, as it is mentioned in [Romans 8:21](#), came into the world and affected everything. Everything started dying. Therefore, we see that when it comes to the putrefaction of things, we can say this is a consequence of sin. This sin has infected all of us. We are born with it. Sin brings separation between God and us, and this separation brings all these consequences.

As we saw the verse in the book of Revelation speaking about Heaven, we see that this corruption won’t exist anymore. There will be no pain and no tears there.

If heaven is in this way, hell will be the complete opposite and full of corruption. Speaking about a worm and a worm that never dies means the flesh of the people being there will decompose because this is what happens when worms appear. It will decompose, but it will never finish or decompose at all. It will be eternal.

Here in this life, things decompose and then disappear because this is just a passage. It ends. But there, in heaven or hell, it will be eternal. I am speaking about flesh being rotten because there are many passages and verses letting us know we will have bodies over there. To have a better picture and just to imagine, you can think of how some of our cells regenerate here after we get injured and even after taking a long period of time, the wound heals. There they will probably regenerate much quicker because we are speaking about something eternal. Time will not exist there in hell where our bodies will be really consumed, but not totally, as they will probably keep on regenerating, even being harmed by everything that people will find there.

I am not saying all this to scare anyone, and I don’t think the main reason someone goes to Christ is because of the knowledge he has for hell. The main reason why someone goes to Christ is because of His love. This is what happened to me, at least. We need to know this love in our hearts, though. But sometimes, we also need to know things that are facts. If we don’t believe in something and reject it, it doesn’t mean it doesn’t exist. God’s desire, according to the scripture for us is to save us, but sadly, not everyone will accept it. You can read more about His judgment and its purpose in chapter 1 of this book.

I don’t know if this has to do with this topic, but there are some interesting facts. In another passage describing that place, is mentioned brimstone known also as sulfur.

“... the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” (Revelation 21:8)

Did you know this component, known as sulfur, is produced naturally by the decay of organic substances containing sulfur? In our bodies, we naturally contain sulfur.

Paul speaks in 1 Corinthians 15 about a heavenly body that will be given to those who go to heaven, but there are also passages about hell that somehow describe being in hell as having a body there. We mustn't think that everything is spiritual and invisible. It is spiritual because God's work in us is spiritual, but what is spiritual manifests in the material world afterward. But we will definitely not be floating spirits after our death. Yes, our soul departs from our body when we die, but it doesn't remain just wondering somewhere. Any spiritual or ghost manifestations that people claim to have seen are not persons who have died but other powers that want to distract us and manipulate our minds, often coming in different forms.

“And do not fear those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matthew 10:28)

We can also see a clear description of a body in other passages like “...there will be weeping gnashing of teeth.” (Mathew 8:12, emphasis added) or “send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.” (Luke 16:24, emphasis added)

All this tells us that there will be physical pain too. Many times, people think that there someone will be tormented and separated in a spiritual way only. They think and relate this to the fact that they are already separated from God in this life, and over there will be the same. According to the scripture, though, it won't be this way. If there will be no tears and pain in heaven, then in hell, it will be the opposite. There will be pain, tears, and affliction, and we cannot really imagine how much that will be.

The wages of sin is death. This is the consequence of it. And with it comes pain and affliction and everything else. What happens is that here in this life, we feel just in part the consequence of sin, which is death, so that we can have the possibility to accept Him and to live in a way that won't be too heavy and unbearable for us. We were supposed to pay already for the wages of sin now because this is how it goes. This is according to what is just. But if we had to bear now the real consequences of sin in this life, the pain and the affliction would be too much and unbearable for us, and we will not be able to live in a proper way and accept Him. It will be too much for us, and He knows it. **This is what separation from God brings. Pain and affliction. We were meant to be part of Him; out of Him, we are incomplete.** That's why people will feel this way when entirely separated from Him. What I am trying to say is that we are not completely separated from Him now. We are separated from His glory as Romans 3:23 says, but He is still maintaining us and giving us daily life and strength so that we can carry on. All this with the purpose that we can have the opportunity to accept Him and live forever with Him. Just imagine if we had to feel now a pain that doesn't end. No one will be able to think and reason properly.

If today, for example, you feel a certain physical pain, after a while, it finishes. Even if an ordinary person who doesn't know God is afflicted by something, he will find a way to forget it for a while and will feel fine for some time. But all this is because of God's presence that fills everything, sustaining in this way every person so that the pain and affliction won't be too much for him not to be able to bear them. It happens in this way so that a person can feel fine and can live this life having the ability to seek God and His kingdom. The pain he feels now through life can make him think, meditate and realize his condition. But if it is not too much so that he can't bear it, it is because of this grace given to him. I am speaking about the common grace given to each person so that he can have an opportunity to repent.

I'm saying that we were supposed to feel now entirely the consequence of the sin and the separation from God, which is this pain and affliction in its complete form, but because of His grace, He is still giving us a chance, and we feel that pain and affliction just in part. Maybe just enough so that we can come aware of our sinful condition. The truth is that He doesn't want us to perish but to help us. Many times, people perish because they are going in that direction. The moment in which we live now is called a time of grace in the Bible. The problem is that many people take life as something for granted and still dare to blaspheme God or rebel against Him when each grace we can experience in this life is because of Him. If a person is continually in this kind of attitude, he surely doesn't know God. Nevertheless, God makes His sun rise upon everyone.

*“God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ (Acts 17:24-28)*

Here in this passage, we clearly see that God has created everything, and in Him, we move and live because He has made us and has placed us on the face of this world with the only purpose of seeking Him.

Pain is a consequence of sin, but no one feels it continuously now. The same is with the affliction. People can be sad for a while, but afterward, they get fine again and are even joyful. I am not speaking for a Christian, but for any common person not having Christ in His life. The life that he has is nothing else but the demonstration of God's grace and it is a gift from God so that that person can have the opportunity to know God in this life and not pay what he deserves at this very moment. This is like time given to all of us. A time of grace. This is when we speak about the life and its purpose. If anyone has asked himself what life's purpose is, this is it. To know God and glorify Him. This is everything we are born for and we exist for. To be part of

Him. To connect with our Creator. We don't realize it, and we think that life is just given to us to rejoice over it and to have fun and pleasure as much as we can. Obviously, God included pleasure when He was creating us but it is not all about it, and we mustn't abuse it as often as we do.

#### ABOUT THE DISEASES

Looking at the diseases as well, we also conclude that in heaven, there will be no more diseases and that the ones we may have now are caused by sin. Not necessarily the sin we have done, but the sin that already dwells in us, the one we inherited from our ancestors, Adam and Eve. We are born with it. This is the consequence of our corrupted body being infected by sin. There is no such thing as a disease in God. Jesus was even healing people from their diseases.

“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But we wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.” (Isaiah 53:4, 5)

“... He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.” (Matthew 8:17)

In Him and from Him are the health and the real well-being. Before Adam's downfall, there wasn't any disease or fatigue, and in heaven, it won't be either. As explained by doctors and scientists, the pain that we feel is like an alarm that something somewhere is wrong with our bodies. When someone is ill, there is definitely something wrong with him, and he feels the pain.

The question now is: can a godly man or woman get diseased? Of course, they can. Someone can even pass away from a disease such as cancer or others. This doesn't mean that they were not spiritual or not blessed. The disease is a consequence of sin, but someone, even being a true Christian and believer, walking righteously with God, can have it because of the corrupted by the sin body that he is already living in. Therefore, **the first case** for which a believer and most people might have a disease is because of the original sin and its consequences they are living in already.

**The second case** in which a spiritual person has a disease is because he is being attacked by Satan. As we know already from the scriptures, he attacked Job (Job 2:4-7) and Paul, placing a torn in his flesh (2 Corinthians 12:7). The purpose of this was to test and discourage those persons, but God knows how to turn trials, diseases, and difficult situations into something good.

And **the third case** for which a believer might be sick is because he has sinned. The scripture also tells us something regarding this. (1 Corinthians 11:29, 30)

Persons sometimes teach that a godly man has to be always fine, in perfect health, and prosperous, but it is not always this way, according to scripture. Therefore, we conclude that a Christian can also become ill.

On the other side, we also see that some people who don't care at all about God, live with complete well-being and are always healthy and fine all their life. ([Psalm 73:2-9](#))

But in general, we see corruption, weakness, disease, and affliction are consequences of the separation from God caused by sin. While on this earth, we will have to face them in one way or another. So, when you feel pain or illness, remember the sin you have inherited, and remember that the pain we feel is because of this sin which can be redeemed only by the blood of Jesus, who gave Himself for you.

#### ABOUT THE GIFT OF LIFE

As we said before, well-being and health are from Him. The reason that someone can now experience well-being or joy or feel fine is because it comes from God. We mustn't understand this in the wrong way, but even persons who don't care about God and don't seek Him still experience this well-being and health because His grace gives them that. All this is because they can have an opportunity. Instead of letting us pay entirely now for our sins, He still has this grace for us so we can have the chance to accept Him. We were supposed to pay fully now for our sins because this is what is right, but instead, He is letting us pay in part.

This is what happens in this life. Just imagine if we had to fully feel now all this pain and affliction produced by the separation from Him. We are meant to be with Him, and that's why out of Him, there is such an imbalance, and everything goes wrong. Nevertheless, He doesn't let us pay now for all this. This is like a time of grace given to us now. Life itself is a time of grace. If we had to feel a complete separation from Him at this moment, we wouldn't be able to accept Him, and we wouldn't be able to live normally or survive. But He hasn't abandoned us completely now. His grace is with us. I am not speaking about His glory and grace that saves, but about the grace of time given to us in this life. A kind of grace that doesn't leave people to feel now the complete separation from Him and all the consequences caused by sin.

We can see some verses in Ecclesiastes.

What profit has the worker from that in which he labors? I have seen the God-given task with which the sons of men are to be occupied. He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labor-**it is the gift of God.** ([Ecclesiastes 3:9-13](#), **emphasis added**).

Here is what I have seen: It is good and fitting for one to eat and drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor in which he toils under the sun all the days of his life which God gives him; for it is his heritage. As for every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and given him power to eat of it, to receive his heritage and rejoice in his labor-**this is the gift of God.**" ([Ecclesiastes 5:18, 19](#), **emphasis added**).

By these verses, we see that it is a gift of God for a man to rejoice of his labor. The book of Ecclesiastes is not at all controversial, as someone might state. It explains clearly the sense of life. It repeats various times that all is vanity. And it is so because the most important and essential for man in this life is to know God. And here, we see that God is the one who gives joy to man. We can obviously speak about a believer here, but it also seems to speak about each man in general.

If today someone can experience a simple joy or pleasure of something or have certain passions and feelings is because God has placed them in him; it is because of the gift of life. It is by His power that we feel that. And often, we take this for granted; we don't appreciate it and misuse it. We can feel the good of this life because we are not yet completely separated from Him now, and we don't yet feel the pain and affliction completely, but just in part. We still feel it because this is what the inheritance of sin has brought to us in this life, but in a way, God is still maintaining us. We are obviously separated from His holiness, but we are sustained in this life by Him and breathe because of Him; that's why I am saying that we are not completely separated now. All this is with the only purpose that we can have the opportunity to know Him. He is letting us know just enough pain and affliction so that we can somehow acknowledge our fragility and our sin. Better now, in this way, than later when it might be late. He is doing all the things for our good. We cannot judge Him by the ways He is having because, believe me, He best knows what is good and not. We won't be able to bear at this moment all the affliction produced by sin and separation, and He knows it. This life is a grace and opportunity given to us by Him. We can laugh and cry; we can feel love, be loved, and have passion because of Him. He has perfectly created us and our bodies.

Scientists say most good feelings in us come because our brain releases endorphins, and they, anyway, still don't know completely how our brain works. But God knows that already. He knows about the endorphins our body releases because He is the creator of it. In hell, our bodies will probably be so affected and carried away by the corruption that they will likely not produce endorphins anymore. This is because of the complete separation that will be experienced there.

See something here. What I'm saying is that God is involved in everything, and He perfectly knows how we and our bodies work chemically and medically. He is the creator of it. That's why I support the idea that we also find in the scriptures that our bodies will accompany us wherever we go. In heaven or hell. **Not these bodies that we actually have but the other ones that will be given to us. Because we are designed to have bodies. After death, our soul departs from this body, but then afterward, we will have some kind of a body, something with which we will be able to touch and feel.**

We can't know how everything will be exactly, and it won't be sure in the way we are used to already, but there will definitely be something, looking at what the scriptures are saying.

Our body is not a mistake or something for us to have just in this life. We are somewhere in the middle now, between two worlds (if we can say so). One is glorious, and the other is corrupt.

“For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, **for I am fearfully and wonderfully made**; marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.” (Psalm 139:13-14, **emphasis added**).

We are fearfully and wonderfully made. God has created and given us these perfect bodies that work to a precision better than the best machine a man can create. The only reason they get ill or tired is because of sin.

Sin provokes a separation from God, and diseases and malfunctions are because of this separation that we just experience in part now. Same with what we experience in our soul on a spiritual level.

Verse 14 of psalm 139 finishes with the phrase, “**marvelous are Your works and that my soul knows very well.**” It is the soul where God wants to work. He created our bodies. They are the temple of His Holy Spirit, but **our soul** is where He wants to work and create a relationship. Our soul is lost and is the one that needs to be saved. We are created by Him, and we are made of soul, spirit and body. We are a soul, and we are revived or inspired by a spirit, and we have a body that expresses itself and acts according to what we feel.

#### THE SEAL

The Bible speaks about a seal that He wants to place in us. He wants to put this seal in our hearts and soul. In this way, He creates this relationship with us. In this way, we belong to Him. This is the relationship of love that He wants to have with us. Those who believe are marked by His love.

“Who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.” (2 Corinthians 1:22)

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,” (Ephesians 1:13)

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.” (Ephesians 4:30)

“Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” (2 Timothy 2:19)

These Bible verses speak about the seal God places in those who believe in Him. He wants to make a connection with our spirit and soul. This is also for those who give more importance to believe in the body’s healing and physical miracles. These miracles can occur, but they would be nothing without God’s holy work in our hearts. Jesus’ purpose while performing physical healings and miracles was to reach out to the people’s hearts because this is what needs to be saved. Our soul.

There will be a day when God will not look if you and I have been members of a church or have been with Christians in a Christian environment (which is also important) but will look if we have this seal in our hearts. This is the testimony that we know Him and that He knows us.



“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open for us,’ and He will answer and say to you, ‘I do not know you, where are you from,’ then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.’ But He will say, ‘I tell you I do not know you, where are you from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.’ There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all of the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. (Luke 13:24-28)

We can clearly see that this passage speaks about persons who ate and drank in His presence and were also taught by Him. It means they were in a Christian environment, but as we see, that’s not all, even though it is important.

#### ABOUT HIS GRACE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR US

So we can see that He created us with a purpose. And this purpose is to know Him. He wants to have a relationship with us. All the energy, all the well-being in this life and the life itself are not with any other purpose but to know Him. Obviously, when we know Him, we receive a major strength and joy, but the common joy and strength given to people in this life is just a testimony of God’s mercy and a chance He wants to give us.

There is a parable that speaks about this. About this grace. We are not talking about the saving grace but the common grace of life that everyone has. The one that many times people take for granted, but it is not in this way.

There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all like wise perish.” He also spoke things parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’” (Luke 13:1-9)

This is the parable of the barren fig tree. We can define ourselves as this fig tree, and the same can do the whole of humankind. Because here we are speaking about this universal opportunity given to people. Even though the tree was not bearing fruit, an opportunity was still given to it.

Yes, we can see one side of this parable is speaking about the nation of Israel, but in general, it talks about all people. This is the time of grace given to us in the form of this life. We need to know something. God is extremely just and cannot bear any sin or injustice. **The only reason He now bears it, is because of the sacrifice Jesus did.** He is the vineyard keeper that gives this additional opportunity to the tree. This is why God bears with us and the whole of humanity now. This is why He doesn't punish the sin now (which would be right) but waits patiently and gives us the opportunity to repent. This is why He makes His sun rise on the evil and the good. He spreads His goodness upon all so they can have this chance. We were meant to pay now for our sins, but we won't be able to bear it. This is why we are alive and live our life.

Why is it then that those people before the time of Jesus were also alive, and opportunity was given to them? Because His sacrifice was premeditated before the foundation of the world. That's why God also had mercy and kept all these people living before Jesus' time alive. In His heart, He had already made this sacrifice. He knew it would happen.

The life given to us is a grace but it often happens that many people don't acknowledge this opportunity and misuse it.

If we see the beginning of the parable, we'll see it actually speaks about people who lost their life because they were killed by Pilate.

*"There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices." (Luke 13:1)*

And some verses ahead, He tells them, *"I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3)*

We can see from these verses that besides the primary meaning of the parable of the barren fig tree, which is the mercy and opportunity given to men, Jesus told them (us) this parable also to let them know if they were alive, it was for the mercy of God. Something like life is taken many times for granted, and people misuse it and sometimes even willingly interrupt it and, in this way, don't fall under God's plan for their life.

We are speaking about a separation. In hell, that separation will be complete, and it will be because He cannot stand sin. It is against His nature. Naturally, by instinct, if we can say so, He can't have communion with it. We are speaking about a complete separation in hell, but to be more precise, we are talking about a complete separation from **His grace** because He is obviously everywhere, and He fills everything; no one can escape from His sight, and He will be in Sheol also as *Psalm 139:8 says*, but His grace won't and cannot be there.

Sometimes God doesn't need to punish us for something. Obviously, it will be a judgment, and to everyone, it will be contributed according to what he has done, and he will be judged, but the worst punishment for a person in hell will be the separation from God, besides the judgment that he will receive for his deeds. God sometimes doesn't need to do anything to punish a man; it is just enough to take away His protecting hand from us. *Romans 1:24, 25* says God has abandoned certain people to their passions and desires. This is what He does many times to punish (if we can say so) someone.

“Therefore God also **gave them up** to uncleanness, in the lust of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.” (Romans 1:24, 25, emphasis added).

The sin itself, without God’s intervention, is destructive. This is what He did according to these verses. He just left them to their own desires and passions. It is also to say we mustn’t do much so that we can sin. The sin is already in us.

We've inherited it from Adam and Eve and are born with it. We are the ones that develop it and willingly follow it, and that’s why we will be judged for our own sinful deeds, intentions, and thoughts. But we can also say that it is so much of it in us and around us that no one can escape it by his own strength. We need another kind of strength and grace found only in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)

#### ABOUT HIS LOVE

As we said before, God gave those people up to their own desires and passions. He left them, but in hell, this separation will be forever. God obviously doesn’t want us to believe or convert just because we fear but because we accept His love. We cannot, of course, leave aside the reality of hell, but at the same time, we see a loving Father God who made a sacrifice for us to save us from that place. A place in which He sends people because He cannot bear and cannot stand sin. This is His nature, and He cannot go against it. At the same time, He is displeased when He sees someone going to that place. He was ready to suffer so that people won't go to that place. At the same time, there are some rules and order and a way things need to be, and He cannot just change that. That is a part of His all-powerful being that fills everything. That is His justice. But we have to be glad that He provided a way for His love to be shown. We can enter into this love and this promise only by believing it. Whoever believes in Him shall not perish.

It is in His love shown by His Son in whom we have to believe. Real believers and Christians love God because they believe and feel His love. He loved them first. Today they serve their master willingly, not just because they fear hell. At the same time, they are conscious that hell exists and want to spread the message of His love to more people as possible so that they can also have an opportunity.

Recently, I realized I don’t love people as much as I thought I did. Yes, I am trying to be kind, but to how many people do I actually give the good news? To how many of them do I say that Jesus died for them? It is not just a question if I tell them about hell, but if I tell them that someone died to save them and if I tell them of His love. This is our task as believers if we know that hell is real. Not just to scare someone of what can happen, but to tell people of God who is willing to save them if they believe.