

=BIBLE DOCTRINES=

Lesson 12

Heaven: The World to Come

AIM: to teach my pupils the truth of Heaven and Hell.

POINT OF CONTACT: Ask the pupils to name some things concerning Heaven. See how many things they can list. Write them on the chalkboard, and compile a list. Also ask for some things about Hell. Write these on the chalkboard, and see how many things about Hell the pupils can name.

INTRODUCTION: The final lessons on the doctrinal statement of faith of our church deals with the world to come. As you know, there are only two final places: Heaven and Hell. Let us notice some characteristics about each.

I. HEAVEN.

1. It is a place of occupation. The idea that Heaven is simply a place where everyone exists in a kind of angelic state is wrong! Stress upon the pupils that it is a place where people are occupied. They live in houses built on streets; they drive conveyances. There are trees, horses, rivers, chariots, etc. Make Heaven as real as possible. Compare it to earth, except there is no sin; and so much improvement in everything exists in Heaven.
2. It is a place of construction. (John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:2) Jesus is there now preparing a place for us. This place has been in preparation for nearly 2,000 years. Look at the things He did in six days. (Teacher, point out some of the beauties of creation.) Imagine what He must have done in 2,000 years.
3. Heaven is a place of observation. (Luke 15:7, 10; Hebrews 12:1; II Chronicles 7:14) These Scriptures teach us that God observes us from Heaven, and also, the saints observe us from Heaven. Compare it to a football stadium or people in the stands watching a basketball game. The players are living people on earth. The spectators are those who have graduated and are now in the stands.
4. It is a place of intercession. Jesus is interceding for us now in Heaven at the right hand of the Father. Compare this with an attorney pleading the case of a client.
5. It is a place of provision. Heaven is the place from which we get our provisions. God provides for us from Heaven. Genesis 8:2 tells us rain comes from Heaven. Exodus 16:4 says that bread comes from Heaven. Isaiah 55:10 says that snow comes from Heaven. Galatians 1:8 tells us that the angels come from Heaven. God provides for His children from Heaven.
6. It is a place of registration. By that we mean, there is a book, and the names of the saved are written in the book in Heaven. (Luke 10:20) Tell about the Lamb's Book of Life. Ask if the pupils have their names written there.
7. It is a place of expectation. (I Thessalonians 4:16) Heaven awaits the resurrected body when the departed spirit and body are reunited.
8. It is a place of salvation. That is, salvation comes only from Heaven. Salvation is of the Lord.

II. HELL.

1. Hell is a real place.
2. Hell is a place of fire. (Matthew 25:41; Revelation 20:14, 15; Revelation 21:8; II Thessalonians 1:8)
3. Hell is a place of eternal death.
4. Hell is a place of separation. In the story of the rich man in Luke 16:19-31, he was separated from those who were in Heaven. People who go to Hell will never see saved loved ones again.
5. It is a place of falling. (Revelation 20:1) It is called a bottomless pit.
6. It is a place of lust. (Revelation 22:11) In other words, people will still have a craving and a desire for sin, but there will be no satisfaction.
7. It is a place of conscience. (Mark 9:44) It is a place where people will remember. The rich man in Hell was told, "Son, remember..." (Luke 16:25)

8. It is place of darkness. (Matthew 22:13)
9. It is a place without ending. Daniel 12:2; Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:43-48 says it is eternal damnation; Hebrews 6:2 says it is eternal judgment; Jude 7 says it is eternal fire; Matthew 18:8 says it is everlasting fire. Hence, there is no ending in Hell.

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

1. John 14:1-3, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many \_\_\_\_\_: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for you. And if I go and prepare a \_\_\_\_\_ for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
2. Matthew 25:46, "And these shall go away into everlasting \_\_\_\_\_: but the righteous into \_\_\_\_\_ eternal."
3. Matthew 5:22, "...but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Matthew 13:49, 50, "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the \_\_\_\_\_ of fire: there shall be wailing and \_\_\_\_\_ of teeth."
5. Matthew 3:12, "...but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable \_\_\_\_\_."
6. Revelation 14:11, "And the smoke of their \_\_\_\_\_ ascendeth up for ever and ever."
7. Revelation 20:15, "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of \_\_\_\_\_."

SCRAMBLED WORDS:

1. Unscramble the words about Heaven. Heaven is a place of:

TUCCTONNRIOS    ECNSITOSIREN    OVANLTSAI  
ABNVESOOTIR    NAETLERFLIE

For the smaller children, you might want to use these scrambled words. Heaven is a place of:

OYJ    EIFL    EECAP    PANHSEPIS

2. Unscramble the following words pertaining to Hell:

ERFI    NLGIALF    AHETD  
NARETLE    AAEIOPSTNR

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 25:46, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."