

Heaven and Hell

1) How are heaven and hell described in the Scriptures?

Note the contrasts below. (This list is not exhaustive, only illustrative.)

Heaven	Hell
Holy – Deuteronomy 26:15, Psalm 20:6, Isaiah 57:15	A place for the wicked – Psalm 9:17
Fullness of joy – Psalm 16:11	Devouring fire; everlasting burnings – Isaiah 33:14
Pleasures for evermore – Psalm 16:11	Unquenchable fire – Matthew 3:12
Everlasting – Psalm 89:29, 2 Corinthians 5:1	Outer darkness – Matthew 8:12
We will see the King in His beauty – Isaiah 33:17	Weeping and gnashing of teeth – Matthew 8:12
A great reward – Matthew 5:19	Body suffers – Matthew 10:28
Prepared for us from the foundation of the world – Matthew 25:34	Soul suffers – Matthew 10:28
No corruption or defilement – Luke 12:33, 1 Peter 1:4	Furnace of fire – Matthew 13:42
Many mansions prepared for us – John 14:2-3	Everlasting fire – Matthew 25:41
Riches of glory – Ephesians 1:18	Everlasting punishment – Matthew 25:46
A kingdom that cannot be shaken – Hebrews 12:28	Tormented in flame – Luke 16:24
We will eat from the tree of life – Revelation 2:7	Punished with everlasting destruction – 2 Thessalonians 1:9
We shall hunger no more, thirst no more – Revelation 7:16	A place reserved for fallen angels – Jude 6
No tears, death, sorrow, crying or pain – Revelation 21:4	Second death – Revelation 2:11
Walls of jasper, city of gold, clear as glass – Revelation 21:18-21	Tormented with fire and brimstone – Revelation 14:10
Garnished with precious stones, gates of pearls – Revelation 21:18-21	A place where the beast, false prophets & devil will be cast – Revelation 19:20
No need for sun – light from the glory of God – Revelation 21:23	No rest day or night – Revelation 14:11
A place of glory and honor – Revelation 21:24	Lake of fire and brimstone – Revelation – 20:10
A pure river of water of life flows, clear as crystal – Revelation 22:1	Tormented day and night for ever and ever – Revelation 20:10
No more curse – Revelation 22:3	A lake of fire – Revelation 20:15

2) Does the Bible teach that heaven and hell are dwelling places for the righteous and unrighteous?

Heaven – John 3:3, Matthew 13:43

Hell – Revelation 21:8

3) Will the devil end up in hell?

Matthew 25:41

4) Will heaven and hell last forever?

Heaven – Psalm 89:29, Matthew 25:46, 2 Corinthians 5:1

Hell – Matthew 25:46, Revelation 20:10

5) Should we endeavor to keep others from hell?

Proverbs 23:14, Jude 23

Summary: *The Bible makes it clear that Heaven and hell are real. The ultimate destiny for those who reject Jesus Christ is to suffer eternal conscious punishment and be separated from fellowship with God forever. Those who have received the free gift of salvation by repenting and believing in Jesus Christ will live forever in heaven (the Kingdom of God).*



Minimum suggested Scripture reading on this subject: Matthew, Revelation