

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Is Hell Eternal?

Some friends told me that they wouldn't mind going to Hell. They claimed they would rather live the few short years they have on this earth and take the "short punishment" Hell has to offer. Mark 9 teaches that Hell will be eternal. Verse 48 says, "*where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.*" In the previous verses, Jesus told the people that if they truly understood what Hell would be like, they would do everything in their power to avoid it!

In Mark 9, Jesus uses physical examples to illustrate a spiritual place. Jesus uses these descriptions to illustrate the eternal nature of

Hell. We know that a worm (maggot) will not die if it has something to eat. Nor will a fire ever die out so long as there is fuel. Therefore, in spiritual terms, folks who enter Hell will never escape. It is an eternal punishment (Matt. 25:46). In fact, the word, "eternal", is used to describe both Heaven and Hell! Matthew 25:46 reads, "*And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.*" If you believe that Heaven is a place of eternal rest, you also need to believe that Hell is a place of eternal punishment. Where do you want to spend eternity (Rom. 6:23)?

Service Times:

Sunday: 10 am,
10:45 am & 5 pm
Wednesday: 7 pm

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