

Eternal Hell

Matthew 5:22 ²² "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever shall say to his brother, 'Raca,'¹ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the **fiery hell**.

Matthew 5:29-30 ²⁹ "And if your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out, and throw it from you; for it is better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ "And if your right hand makes you stumble, cut it off, and throw it from you; for it is **better for you that one of the parts of your body perish, than for your whole body to go into hell**.

Matthew 10:28 ²⁸ "And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather **fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell**.

Matthew 18:9 ⁹ "And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out, and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than having two eyes, to be **cast into the fiery hell**.

Matthew 23:33 ³³ "You serpents, you brood of vipers, **how shall you escape the sentence of hell?**

Matthew 25:41 "Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into **the eternal fire** which has been prepared for the devil and his angels;

Matthew 25:46 - ⁴⁶ "And these will go away into **eternal punishment** (Grk. kolasijs), but the righteous into eternal life." (Notice that eternal punishment parallels eternal life; if the punishment itself is not eternal but only the consequences or results of it, we would also have to believe that in the same way that the life promised us by Christ is not literally eternal, only the consequences or result of it.)

Matthew 3:12 ¹² "And His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with **unquenchable fire**."

Matthew 13:40-42 ⁴⁰ "Therefore just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, ⁴² and will **cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth**.

Matthew 13:49-50 ⁴⁹ "So it will be at the end of the age; the angels shall come forth, and take out the wicked from among the righteous, ⁵⁰ and will **cast them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth**.

Mark 9:47-48 ⁴⁷ "And if your eye causes you to stumble, cast it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be **cast into hell**, ⁴⁸ **where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched**.

^{NAS} 2 Peter 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but **cast them into hell¹ and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;**

Revelation 14:9-11 ⁹ And another angel, a third one, followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand, ¹⁰ he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger; and **he will be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb**. ¹¹ **"And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night**, those who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."

Revelation 20:10-15 ¹⁰ And **the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone**, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and **they will be tormented day and night forever and ever**. ¹¹ And I saw a great white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹² And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds. ¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. ¹⁴ And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. **This is the second death, the lake of fire**. ¹⁵ **And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire**.

Revelation 21:8 ⁸ "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, **their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death**."

Luke 16:19-31 ¹⁹ "Now there was a certain rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, gaily living in splendor every day. ²⁰ "And a certain poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores, ²¹ and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores. ²² "Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. ²³ **"And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment**, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for **I am in agony in this flame**.' ²⁵ "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, in order that those who wish to come over from here to you may not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.' ²⁷ "And he said, 'Then I beg you, Father, that you send him to my father's house-- ²⁸ for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹ "But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ "But he said, 'No, Father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the

¹ Grk "casting them into Tartarus" or "holding them captive in Tartarus." This verb, tartarow (tartaroo), occurs only here in the NT, but its meaning is clearly established in both Hellenistic and Jewish literature. "Tartarus [was] thought of by the Greeks as a subterranean place lower than Hades where divine punishment was meted out, and so regarded in Israelite apocalyptic as well" (BDAG 991 s.v.).

dead, they will repent!"³¹ "But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'"

Daniel 12:2² "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and **everlasting contempt** ((Heb !arD)).

Isaiah 66:23-24²³ "And it shall be from new moon to new moon And from sabbath to sabbath, All mankind will come to bow down before Me," says the LORD. ²⁴ "Then they shall go forth and look On the corpses of the men Who have transgressed against Me. **For their worm shall not die, And their fire shall not be quenched;** And they shall be an **abhorrence** (Heb !arD) to all mankind."

Sheol / Hades

Numbers 16:29-33²⁹ "If these men die the death of all men, or if they suffer the fate of all men, then the LORD has not sent me. ³⁰ "But if the LORD brings about an entirely new thing and the ground opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that is theirs, and they **descend alive into Sheol**, then you will understand that these men have spurned the LORD." ³¹ Then it came about as he finished speaking all these words, that the ground that was under them split open; ³² and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men who belonged to Korah, with their possessions. ³³ **So they and all that belonged to them went down alive to Sheol;** and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly.

Deuteronomy 32:22²² For a **fire is kindled in My anger, And burns to the lowest part of Sheol,**

1 Samuel 28:11-20¹¹ Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me." ¹² **When the woman saw Samuel**, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul." ¹³ And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid; but what do you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I see a divine being coming up out of the earth." ¹⁴ And he said to her, "What is his form?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he is wrapped with a robe." And **Saul knew that it was Samuel**, and he bowed with his face to the ground and did homage. ¹⁵ Then **Samuel said to Saul**, "Why have you disturbed me by **bringing me up?**" And Saul answered, "I am greatly distressed; for the Philistines are waging war against me, and God has departed from me and answers me no more, either through prophets or by dreams; therefore I have called you, that you may make known to me what I should do." ¹⁶ And Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has departed from you and has become your adversary? ¹⁷ "And **the LORD has done accordingly as He spoke through me;** for the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, to David. ¹⁸ "As you did not obey the LORD and did not execute His fierce wrath on Amalek, so the LORD has done this thing to you this day. ¹⁹ "Moreover the LORD will also give over Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines, **therefore tomorrow you and your sons will be with me.** Indeed the LORD will give over the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines!" ²⁰ Then Saul immediately fell full length upon the ground and **was very afraid because of the words of Samuel;** also there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food all day and all night.

Psalms 139:8⁸ If I ascend to heaven, Thou art there; If I make my bed in **Sheol**, behold, Thou art there.

Isaiah 7:11¹¹ "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; make it **deep as Sheol or high as heaven.**"

Isaiah 14:9-15⁹ "**Sheol from beneath** is excited over you to meet you when you come; It arouses for you **the spirits of the dead**, all the leaders of the earth; It raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones. ¹⁰ "They will all respond and say to you, 'Even you have been made weak as we, You have become like us. ¹¹ 'Your pomp and the music of your harps Have been **brought down to Sheol; Maggots are spread out as your bed beneath you, And worms are your covering.**' ¹² "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn! You have been cut down to the earth, You who have weakened the nations! ¹³ "But you said in your heart, 'I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God, And I will sit on the mount of assembly In the recesses of the north. ¹⁴ 'I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.' ¹⁵ "Nevertheless you will be thrust **down to Sheol**, To the recesses of the **pit**."

Isaiah 38:10¹⁰ I said, "In the middle of my life I am to enter the **gates of Sheol**; I am to be deprived of the rest of my years."

Amos 9:2² "Though they **dig into Sheol**, From there shall My hand take them; And though they ascend to heaven, From there will I bring them down.

Matthew 11:23²³ "And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You shall **descend to Hades**; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.

Acts 2:27²⁷ Because Thou wilt not abandon my **soul to Hades**, Nor allow Thy Holy One to undergo decay.

Revelation 20:13-14¹³ And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and **death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them;** and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. ¹⁴ And **death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire.** This is the second death, the lake of fire.

Against Soul Sleep

^{NAS} Luke 23:43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

^{NAU} Luke 23:43 And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise."

^{KJV} Luke 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

^{BGT} Luke 23:43 kai. eipen autw\ amhn soi legw(shmeron met\ emou/ esh| en tw\ paradeisw\)

^{NET} Luke 23:43 And Jesus said to him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

^{NIV} Luke 23:43 Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

^{NRS} Luke 23:43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

^{YLT} Luke 23:43 and Jesus said to him, 'Verily I say to thee, To-day with me thou shalt be in the paradise.'

74 other times in the gospels Jesus said "Truly I say to you, ...", but never once qualified it with "today" because it would be redundant to do so: Truly I say to you, that is, today I'm telling you..." Only by twisting the Scripture can this interpretation be made, and the only reason to do so is to uphold a doctrine that is already at odds with the Scripture.

Philippians 1:21-24 ²¹ For to me, to live is Christ, and **to die is gain**. ²² But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. ²³ But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire **to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better**; ²⁴ yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake. (Why would it be "very much better" to depart and be with Christ if to depart was to only be with Christ much later at the time of the resurrection? If Paul had understood that upon death one merely sleeps in the grave his words would make no sense; to die would be no gain, and it would be better to remain on in the flesh for the sake of the disciples.)

1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:1 ¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve, as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so **God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus**. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be **with the Lord**. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

2 Corinthians 5:8 ⁸ we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be **absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord**.

Matthew 17:2-4 ² And He was transfigured before them; and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. ³ And behold, **Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him**. ⁴ And Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (If the souls of the dead sleep in the grave, how was it that Moses was talking with Jesus? Moses clearly died as recorded in Deu 34:6 and his body was buried by the Lord in a place unknown to the Israelites so they would not worship his dead body. Jude 1:9 says nothing about Moses being resurrected and cannot be used to argue such. The Jewish tradition referred to had to do with their understanding of Deu 34:6 that Moses' burial place was left hidden to prevent the sons of Israel from venerating his dead body, which Satan supposedly wanted to have happen as another means to ensnare them, as happened with the brazen serpent (see 2Ki 18:4).

Eternal Life and Immortality

Do not confuse eternal life, which is already the possession of every true believer in this life, with immortality, which is bestowed upon the believer at the resurrection. Eternal life is a spiritual quality of existence which at the resurrection will be united with the physical quality of incorruptibility which the Bible calls immortality.

1 John 5:11-13 ¹¹ And the witness is this, that **God has given us eternal life**, and this life is in His Son. ¹² **He who has the Son has the life**; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 3:36 ³⁶ "He who believes in the Son **has eternal life**; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

John 17:3 ³ "And **this is eternal life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ** whom Thou hast sent.

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me **shall never die**. (obviously not referring to physical death, but being in constant communion with God.)

2 Timothy 1:10 ¹⁰ but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought **life and immortality** (clearly two different things) to light through the gospel,

Romans 2:7 ⁷ to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and **immortality, eternal life**; (again, two different things).

1 Timothy 6:15-16 He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords; ¹⁶ **who alone possesses immortality** and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see.

1 Corinthians 15:50-57 ⁵⁰ Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised imperishable**, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For **this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality**. ⁵⁴ But **when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory**. ⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:22 (The Fiery Hell: Two Questions)

“Whoever shall say, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.”

1) What is the fiery hell, and how is it different from Hades or Sheol?

“Fiery hell” is literally the “Gehenna of fire”; Gehenna is a Greek transliteration of the Hebrew “Valley of Hinnom” (גֵּהֶנְנוֹמַיִם valley of lamentation) that in times past had been polluted by pagan worship and human sacrifice (see Jer 7:31, 32:35). Josiah in his reforms defiled it (2Ki 23:10) so that it became a place where animal carcasses and the dead bodies of criminals were disposed of along with the city garbage and human sewage. The putrefying flesh bred a horrible stench and worms (maggots) that consumed the corpses of the wicked, so that fires were regularly kindled to assist in their disposal along with any consumable rubbish. In the centuries before Christ, it came to be viewed symbolically as a picture of the place of eternal punishment for evildoers “where their worm does **not** die, and the fire is **not** quenched” (Mar 9:48, quoting Isa 66:24). Significantly, our understanding of the eternal torments of Gehenna comes almost exclusively from Jesus (see 5:29-30, 10:28, 18:9, 23:15,33, Mar 9:43-48, Luk 12:5, Jam 3:6 for the only other occurrences) who alone among men as God would have clear understanding of its reality. Gehenna was understood to be in Hades (NT Greek) or Sheol (OT Hebrew), where the departed spirits of all men went when their physical bodies died (cf. Num 16:29-33, 1Sa 28:8-19, Isa 14:9-15, Mat 11:23, Act 2:27). However, it was separated by a great chasm from “Abraham’s Bosom” or “Paradise” where the righteous went (Luke 16:22, 23:43). Scripture indicates that Christ “descended into the lower parts of the earth” (Eph 4:9) and when He died He was “three days and three nights” in its heart (Mat 12:40). Peter writes that Jesus was “put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits now in prison” (1Pe 3:18-19) and continues that He ascended to heaven “after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him” (1Pe 3:22). In this context Paul quotes Psa 66:18 saying “when He ascended on high, He led captive a host a captives” (Eph 4:8), perhaps to be understood as those saints in the “captivity” of Abraham’s bosom who ascended to be with Him in heaven (cf. Phi 1:21-23, 1Th 4:14, Heb 12:23), and/or perhaps those angels and authorities and powers that had been subjected to Him. Peter also writes that when angels sinned He “cast them into hell (Tartarus, the Hellenist term for the Hebrew Gehenna, which “was thought of by the Greeks as a subterranean place lower than Hades where divine punishment was meted out, and so regarded in Israelite apocalyptic as well”, BDAG Greek lexicon) and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment” (2Pe 2:4, cf. Luk 8:31, Jude 1:6-7, Rev 9:11, 20:1-3). In context, Peter mentions this to demonstrate that “the Lord knows how to ... keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment” (2Pe 2:9), indicating both an intermediate and final state of punishment for the wicked after they die (cf. the NIV “the Lord knows how to ... hold the unrighteous for the day of judgment, while continuing their punishment”).

2) Are we to understand from Jesus’ words that the torments of a fiery hell will eventually cease, and that the wicked will just be annihilated and cease to exist?

See 5:28-29 and consider: why would it be better for one to pluck out his eye or cut off his hand if one is simply to sleep in the grave upon death and then be annihilated? See Mat 25:46 and notice that eternal *punishment* parallels eternal life; if the punishment itself is not eternal but only the consequences or results, we would have to believe in the same way that the eternal life promised us by Christ is not literally eternal, but only its consequences or results. See Mar 9:47-48 where the torments of hell are specifically contrasted with temporal punishments that are necessarily limited by our physical life. See Luk 16:19-31 which clearly pictures conscious torment after death, as well as Rev 14:9-11, 20:10-15 which plainly indicate that the wicked “have no rest day and night” and will be “tormented day and night *forever and ever*. This phrase *forever and ever* is used once of the righteous who shall “reign forever and ever”, Rev 22:5, and 16 times of God who “lives forever and ever”, Rev 15:7, whose throne is “forever and ever”, Heb 1:8, and “to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever”, 1Pe 4:11); are we to then suppose that when Scripture says that the wicked will be “tormented day and night forever and ever” it does not mean what it plainly says? The doctrines of annihilationism and universalism that deny the eternal conscious punishment of the wicked in a literal hell must rank among the most dangerous and damnable of heresies because they dismiss the true and far-reaching consequences of sin and offer a hope to the wicked that they will not receive the just recompense their iniquities deserve. See the devastating, cancerous, and multiplied effect of Adam’s *one* sin and the suffering and misery it has brought to all of God’s creation and the billions of human souls since born, and ask what punishment it justly deserves and if an eternity is too long to requite it; how much more then the sins that are piled up to heaven of those who add to them all by rejecting the infinite love of God who gave His only Son that they might not perish, by laying fully upon Him the just recompense due us! Those who hold such doctrines must discount the plain meaning or completely ignore large portions of Scripture, and especially the greater revelation and clear teaching of our Savior; can such be said to have a love for the truth (2Th 2:11-12)?

^{NAS} Jude 1:7 Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example, in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

This does NOT mean that the punishment of eternal fire is not eternal, otherwise eternal doesn't mean eternal, and we are all wrong about the eternal covenant (Heb 13:20), eternal life (Jud 1:21), God's eternal kingdom (2Pe 1:11), eternal glory (1Pe 5:10), eternal redemption (Heb 9:12), eternal salvation (Heb 5:9), an eternal inheritance (Heb 9:15), the eternal Spirit (Heb 9:14), and that God Himself is eternal (Rom 16:26, 1Ti 1:17). What it means is that the judgment of physical fire that God rained down on Sodom and Gomorrah is a sample or specimen of the judgment of *eternal* fire that those who "abandon their proper abode" (vs. 6) and go "after strange flesh" will suffer, including those Christians who in like manner "defile the flesh" (vs. 8) because they are misled by false teachers who "turn the grace of our God into licentiousness" (vs. 4; see also vs. 5). Observe the NASB text note which gives a more literal rendering, and the NIV:

Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an *example of eternal fire, in undergoing punishment.*

^{NIV} Jude 1:7 In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

^{BGT} Jude 1:7 wj Sodomai kai. Gomorra kai. ai`peri. autaj po`leij ton o`moion tropon toutoij ekporneusasai kai. apelqousai opisw sarkoj eteraj(prokeintai deiqma puroj aiwniyou dikhn upecousai

Observe also the parallel passage in 2 Peter:

2 Peter 2:4-10 ⁴ For if **God did not spare angels** when they sinned, but **cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;** ⁵ and **did not spare the ancient world**, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; ⁶ and if **He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an example** to those who would live ungodly thereafter; ⁷ and if He rescued righteous Lot, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men ⁸ (for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, while living among them, felt his righteous soul tormented day after day with their lawless deeds), ⁹ **then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment,** ¹⁰ **and especially those who indulge the flesh** in its corrupt desires and despise authority.

Jude 1:5-8 ⁵ Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶ And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day. ⁷ Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example, in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire. ⁸ Yet in the same manner these men, also by dreaming, defile the flesh, and reject authority, and revile angelic majesties.