

like a lot of activity. Heaven sounds too placid for me. There's a lot to do in hell."

Sadly, this man is not alone in thinking that an existence in Satan's realm is a preferred destination. I've heard people say that they'd rather be in hell because all their friends will be there. One person wrote, "If hell was real, I don't think it would be bad. There would be a lot of interesting people."

How can we convince folks who are deceived in this way that hell and its horrors are to be avoided? Perhaps by telling them of the realities of hell that are presented in the Scripture. In Daniel 12:2, it is described as a place of "shame and everlasting contempt." Luke 16:23 talks about "torments." Matthew 8:12 describes "weeping and gnashing of teeth." And Revelation 14:11 says there will be "no rest."

Biblical truth doesn't allow anyone to think that hell might be a good place to be. Clearly, rejecting Jesus and facing an eternity in Satan's kingdom is a bad choice.

*Don't choose to spend eternity
Where pain will never dim;
Instead decide to trust in Christ
And choose to follow Him. —Sper*

The same Christ who talks about the glories of heaven also describes the horrors of hell.



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Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt. —Daniel 12:2

An elderly TV star was asked by a talk-show host .. about heaven. The host prefaced his question by referring to Billy Graham, who had said "I know what is ahead. It is be paradise. I am going to heaven."

The host then asked his guest, "What do you believe?" He replied, "I'd





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In Luke 14:15-33 there are two groups of people that are in grave danger:

1. Those who won't _____ to the _____, verses 15-24

(Matthew 22:2-7) *"The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, {3} and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. {4} Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.' {5} But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. {6} And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.*

{7} *"But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city."*

(Matthew 24:48-51) *"But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' {49} and begins to beat his fellow servants, and to eat and drink with the drunkards, {50} the master of that servant will come on a day when he is not looking for him and at an hour that he is not aware of, {51} and will cut him in two and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*

(Revelation 19:5-9) *"Then a voice came from the throne, saying, 'Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!' {6} And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, 'Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! {7} Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.' {8} And to*



her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. {9} Then he said to me, 'Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' " And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God.'"

(Matthew 22:8-14) *"Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. {9} Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' {10} So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they*



found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. {11} But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. {12} So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. {13} Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' {14} For many are called, but few are chosen.'"

(Revelation 20:14-15) *"Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. {15} And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."*

2. Those who think that it's just a _____, verses 25-33

