

THREE CLASSES WHO WILL INHABIT HELL

Matt. 7:13-14

INTRO: Many do not believe in hell. They think and teach that God could not be a just God and send anyone to a place of eternal punishment. True! However, God does not send anyone to hell; if we go it is because we send ourselves there. As we study God's Word, we find that many people will inhabit hell. Of course, we do not want to be among that number. All of those who inhabit hell can be divided into three classes.

- I. THE NEGLECTERS OF SALVATION. HEB. 2:3.
 - A. Too Busy.

In youth, the best years of our life, we are too busy. Middle age does not provide time—building our business, raising our family, schooling our children, and making our nest egg. Retirement age is no better. We have worked hard all our lives; now we are going to enjoy retirement, travel, and see things we have missed. In old age, we are racked with pain—cannot think, cannot remember, hurt too much. We always plan to respond, but later on. It never comes. We die and face God having neglected our salvation.

- B. Too Careless to Be Concerned.

 We fail to seek the most important things. Matt. 6:33.
- C. We Ought to Give the More Earnest Heed. Heb. 2:1-3; Matt. 5:20; James 4:17.
- II. REJECTERS OF SALVATION.
 - A. Some Are Too Proud to Need It.

They will not admit to being wrong, to have sinned. They are too proud to bow in repentance.

- B. Reject His Word. John 12:48; John 6:68.
- C. They Have False Doctrines with No Salvation. Matt. 15:9.

 They have neglected to study to learn the truth. They have been so prejudiced that they will not make an honest investigation of the Bible.
- D. Those That Reject the Gospel for a False Doctrine Have Received Their Reward. Matt. 6:16.

Israel rejected God. 1 Sam. 10:19. Many effectively said to God, "We do not want your instruction; we want the teaching and leadership of someone else." For man's doctrine, they rejected God. Mark 7:9. Rejecters will inhabit hell right along with the neglecters.

III. DESPISERS OF SALVATION.

A. Too Wise to Need It. 1 Cor. 1:21; 1 Cor. 1:26; 1 Cor. 2:6.

Most worldly wise, worldly mighty, or worldly noble will not accept the simple teachings of Christ. They seem foolish to men with carnal minds. Jesus conquers through love and humility. Carnal men think the only way is through force. Jesus has conquered more than any

- other leader that ever lived, but not the way the world tries to conquer.
- B. Too Much Pleasure to Need It.Many love the pleasures of sin. These are things that will not last; they are but a fleeting moment. When one pleasure is over, they wonder what they can try next. 1 Tim. 5:6.

IV. EXAMPLES:

- A. The Rich Man. Luke 12:16-20: note verse 21.
- B. The Rich Man and Lazarus. Luke 16:19-25. They will perish. Acts 13:41.
- C. Demetrius and the Craftsman. Acts 19:23-28. This man despised and rejected salvation for a false, manmade god. Many thought more of jobs than their souls.
- D. Felix and Drusilla. Acts 24:24-26. They despised salvation and rejected it. They called Paul many times to hear him, hoping they would get money. They rejected salvation, but loved money.
- E. Festus. Acts 26:24-26. Acts 26:24-26. Festus rejected salvation; he accused Paul of losing his mind. Even King Agrippa was almost converted. Acts 26:27-28. Almost is not enough. Nothing is said in the Bible about Agrippa or Festus ever obeying the gospel. And if ye reject my statues. Lev. 26:15-16.

CONCL: Pain in hell is forever and ever. We cannot afford hell.