

Questions for A long Look at Salvation wk4

- “The horror of hell is an echo of the infinite worth of God’s glory.” Have you considered that hell actually points to how glorious God really is?
- Read Matthew 18:8-9. How do you feel when you think that it would be better not to see your children run and play, or run your fingers through your spouse’s hair, rather than enter eternity outside of the kingdom of God?
- So God takes His glory so seriously, that hell is the proper response to stealing His glory or giving it to anyone else.
- Read Matthew 25:41-46
 - Many times we read this passage as one about feeding the poor. Have you ever thought of it as stealing from God’s glory?
 - These people tend to terminate their worship on the gifts from God rather than on God Himself, and using those gifts for God’s glory.
 - With that in mind, does it change how you personally interact with this passage or apply it to yourself?
- Review Luke 12:4-5
 - Pastor Keith likened this to a kitten and a lion. Have you ever been more afraid of the kitten than the lion?
 - Why do we not take seriously the lion and His awesome power?
 - The believers in Hebrews 11:36-38 seemed to “get it.” They knew that the Lion was far more awesome than the kitten. Did you ever wonder to yourself when you read Hebrews how those people could offer themselves up to torture and death like that?
- Why do you think that God has only revealed a few things about what hell will be like? Is that a blessing or a curse?
 - From Jesus’ descriptions of hell, it will be a place of eternal torment, a place of fire, a place of darkness, and once you are there, you are there to stay.
 - While answers may vary, what do you think the fiery torment is? Is it literal? Is it figurative for something?
 - Does eternal torment seem the just desert for sin?
 - Consider this: If you consciously or unconsciously passed up an opportunity to be with an amazing gracious God that made a way of forgiveness for sin, does that not seem like an appropriate punishment?
- Have you ever been around preachers that use the scare tactic to get people into heaven?
 - Does that really produce genuine disciples for Christ?
 - If scaring people is not a wise tactic, should we still talk about hell, or wrath or God’s severity? Why?
- “Till sin be bitter, Christ will not be sweet.” - Thomas Watson. Have you understood or experienced the bitterness of sin in your own life?
 - How does that make Christ appear to you?

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- What is the sweetness of Christ like for you?
- Psalm 42, “As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs for You Oh God”;
Psalm 84 “My soul yearns, even faints for the courts of the Lord...My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.”
- Do these describe you?
- What does it take for us to be people whose hearts cry out for the living God?
- What would it take for you? What things might need to be removed? What things might need to be added? What things might need to be re-arranged in your heart, in your schedule, in your priorities?