

Words of Truth

People Like To Believe That Everybody Is Going To Be In Heaven

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A book recently published by a denominational, false teacher says this: “What he (Jesus) doesn’t say is how, or when, or in what manner the mechanism functions that gets people to God through him. He doesn’t even state that those coming to the Father through him will even know that they are coming exclusively through him. He simply claims that whatever God is doing in the world to know and redeem and love and restore the world is happening through him... As soon as the door is opened to Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, and Baptist from Cleveland, many Christians become very uneasy, saying that then Jesus does not matter anymore, the cross is irrelevant, it doesn’t matter what you believe, and so forth. Not true. Absolutely, unequivocally, unalterably not true. What Jesus does is declare that he, and he alone, is saving everybody. And then he leaves the door way, way open” (Bell, Rob; *Love Wins: A Book About Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived*; HarperOne; 2011; pages 156; 157).

In an interview on ABC, the author above argued that God is much too loving to allow billions to burn in Hell (<http://abcnews.go.com/GMA/video/pastor-claims-hell-does-not-exist-13138917>). He talked about (in the same interview referenced above) how God, according to his beliefs, sheds tears when He sees people suffering. In the study we are about to engage in, we’re going to see how all of his assumptions are WRONG. Many people have fallen into a false sense of security by thinking that God is “too loving” to condemn anyone. God has two sides (Romans 11:22). Most people are in real trouble!

The Savior Says Most Are Headed To Destruction

Jesus said: “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it” (Matthew 7:13-14). That’s not very hard to understand. Notice this question and the answer Jesus had: “And he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able” (Luke 13:22-24). Again, this is plain teaching by our Lord.

If you deny the two Scriptures quoted above you are saying that Jesus is a liar. Yet, Jesus brought truth into this world (John 1:17). If you deny Jesus as the truth, you have closed your only door into God’s eternal kingdom (John 14:6). Furthermore, you cannot have a “God of love” without Jesus Christ (Romans 8:39). Those who think God would never bring harm on anyone do not know God!

Would A Loving God Ever Bring Harm Upon People?

Rob Bell (and people like him) believes that God sheds tears when people suffer. While it is

absolute truth that God doesn't want anyone to be eternally lost (Ezekiel 18:32, Ezekiel 33:11, I Timothy 2:1-6, and II Peter 3:9), God certainly does not cry every time someone faces suffering. In fact, there are times when He does just the opposite.

Let me allow GOD to speak for HIMSELF on this matter: *"The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming... Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices"* (Psalms 37:12-13 and Proverbs 1:24-31).

God is love (I John 4:8 and I John 4:16). God is also hate (Psalms 5:4-6, Psalms 7:11-13, Psalms 11:5-7, and Hebrews 1:8-9). Our Lord sees those who do not follow Him as enemies (Matthew 12:30 and Philippians 3:18-19). God has consistently shown that He is willing to allow mankind to reap what we sow (Job 4:8, Proverbs 12:14, Proverbs 14:14, Proverbs 22:8, Isaiah 3:10-11, Jeremiah 2:19, Jeremiah 4:16-18, Ezekiel 22:31, Hosea 7:2, Hosea 8:7, John 5:28-29, and Galatians 6:7-8). For those who take false comfort in the erring idea that God will not punish sinners, you'd better study the Scriptures a lot more than you have. God not only saves, He also destroys (Deuteronomy 32:36-42).

God Has Destroyed Many Already

When God flooded the earth, He saved only eight people (Genesis 6:1-9:1 and I Peter 3:20-21). That means that God drowned the rest of mankind. God not only destroyed the wicked homosexuals in Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:16-19:25 and Jude 7), but also Lot's wife simply because she disobeyed God by looking back (Genesis 19:17; 26). The Lord later warned the same end would come to those who looked back when God destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70 (Luke 17:25-32). The Lord had a man stoned to death for picking up sticks on His Sabbath Day (Numbers 15:32-36). A man was stricken dead for touching the ark of God (II Samuel 6:6-8). Two people promised to give a certain amount to needy saints. They lied as they held back some of the money and died at the hand of God for it (Acts 5:1-10). God commanded the destruction of men, women, and children because they might have perverted His people from His ways (Deuteronomy 7:1-7). God brought Judgment upon His people that caused ears to tingle for those that heard of it (II Kings 21:10-12 and Jeremiah 19:3-8). God has killed many thousands in battles (Judges 20:35 and II Kings 19:35), many thousands by pestilence (II Samuel 24:15), and other means as well (Exodus 12:29). In the future, many more will suffer for all eternity (Matthew 25:31-46).

Conclusion

You cannot read the Scriptures in this study and conclude that many will be saved. Truth is, even many "do-gooders" will not find themselves welcomed in God's eternal house (Matthew 7:21-23). If you are going to proclaim to be a child of the living God, you'd better act like it (Luke 6:46). Truth is, even the righteous are scarcely saved. Therefore, where do you suppose the ungodly stand with the Lord (I Peter 4:17-19)? Notice this Scripture in closing: *"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell"* (Matthew 10:28).