

Eternity: the Resurrection of Damnation
(John 5:28-29)

Introduction:

1. In these verses Jesus touched on 3 special events that will occur on that last great day, including:
 - a. His return
 - b. the resurrection
 - c. the judgment.
2. Following the judgment, eternity will begin.
3. The 2 eternal destinies include "life" and "damnation."
4. This morning we studied passages that teach us about "the resurrection of life" [heaven].
5. This evening we are concentrating on "the resurrection of damnation" [eternal punishment in hell].

Discussion:

- I. LET US FIRST ESTABLISH THAT HELL IS AN ACTUAL PLACE THAT IS HORRIBLE
 - A. Hell is a place:
 1. of *"everlasting punishment"* (Matthew 25:46)
 2. of *"everlasting fire"* (Matthew 25:41)
 3. where the inhabitants will burn with *"unquenchable fire"* (Matthew 3:12)
 4. described as *"a lake of fire burning with brimstone"* (Revelation 19:20b).
 - B. Hell is a place of extreme anguish, described as:
 1. *"outer darkness"* where *"there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth"* (Matthew 8:12)
 2. *"the furnace of fire"* where *"there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth"* (Matthew 13:50)
 3. *"where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched"* (Mark 9:44, 46, 48).
- II. LET US NEXT ESTABLISH WHO WILL BE IN HELL
 - A. The devil and his angels will be there (Matthew 25:41).
 - B. (Revelation 20:15) Those whose names are not in the book of life will be there, including:
 1. those who do not obey the Gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
 2. the disobedient (Romans 2:8-9)
 3. the unfaithful (Hebrews 10:26-31)
 4. those who have sown to the flesh (Galatians 6:8a; 5:19-21)
 5. sinners listed in Revelation 21:8
 6. churches that have left their first love (Revelation 2:1-7)
 7. churches that are spiritually dead (Revelation 3:1-3)
 8. churches that are lukewarm (Revelation 3:14-19).
 - C. Unfortunately, *"many"* will be condemned in hell because of a failure to enter through the strait gate and travel the narrow way that leads to eternal life (Matthew 7:13-14).
 - D. Those who are condemned in hell *"shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever"* (Revelation 20:10).

Conclusion:

1. Thankfully, Jesus came to provide an alternative (John 10:10).
2. Let us watch and be ready for the Lord's return at that last great day.