**What does the Bible say about The existence of Hell and a Judgment Day?**

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**1. A Judgment Day to come is God’s justice on sin** as taught in the infallible Word of God

 Psalm 76:8-9 “You did cause **judgment** to be heard from heaven; The earth feared and was still,

When God arose to **judgment**, to save all the meek (oppressed) of the earth.”

 Ps 75:7 “But God is the **Judge**: He puts down one, and exalts another.”

 Ps 82:8 “Arise, O God, **judge** the earth; For you shall inherit all nations.”

 Ps 98:7-8 “With trumpets and sound of cornet shout joyfully before the LORD, the King. Let the sea roar and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Let the rivers clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together Before the LORD; for He comes to **judge** the earth: with righteousness shall He **judge** the world, and the people in uprightness.” The whole of creation rejoices at the thought of God coming to **judge** the earth. **Justice** is a joy to the upright.

**2. Why does God want to torture people in** **hell**? God will not ‘torture’ anyone. He will simply give them **justice**. A criminal who viciously raped three teenage girls may believe that his being thrown into a cold cell is torture. The judge calls it **justice.**

 God will ‘damn’ rebellious sinners from all that is good in a prison called ‘**hell**.’ He gave them life and lavished His goodness upon them, and they despised Him, violated His Law, and then refused His mercy. He is very kind & ‘rich’ in mercy and offers complete forgiveness to all who **repent** & **obey His gospel**.

 The Bible tells us that ‘God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked’ (Ezek 33:11). His Word says that ‘**mercy triumphs over judgment’** (James 2:13), meaning that God would rather see someone **sorrowful** and **repentant** and have their sins forgiven, then receive the full **wrath** of His **justice.**

**3. However, let’s assume for a moment that there is no Judgment Day and no hell**. That would mean that the Bible is a huge joke, in which more than 40 authors collaborated over a period of 1,600 years to produce a document revealing God’s character as **“just**.” They portrayed Him as a **just** **Judge**, who warn-ed that He would eventually punish murderers, rapists, liars, thieves, adulterers, etc. Each of these writers (who professed to be godly) therefore bore false witness, transgressing the commandments they claimed to be true. It would mean that Jesus Christ was a liar, and that all the claims He made about the reality of **judgment** were therefore false. It would also mean that He gave His life in vain, as did multitudes of martyrs who have given their lives for the cause of Christ. Add to that the thought that if there is no ulti-mate **justice**, it means that the Creator of all things is unjust: that He sees murder and rape and couldn’t care less, making Him worse than a corrupt human **judge** who refuses to bring criminals to **justice**.

**4. What if the Bible is right: There is a holy God and there is eternal justice?**

God’s Word says in Heb 9:27, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the **judgment**:”

**You will find yourself standing before the judgment throne of a holy God, who knows everything- He knows your heart**. **A holy and perfect Creator** has seen your thought-life & every secret sin.

 **5. Is God ‘fair?**’ The average person has committed multitudes of sins in a lifetime and is **guilty** before God. With the voice of his conscience, he knows it is wrong to lie, steal, commit adultery in his heart, to hate, harm or kill etc. He knows intuitively that God gave him life & he is without excuse, but instead of showing any gratitude or reverence to God his Creator, he uses His holy name as a cuss word to express disgust. You may have forgotten your past sins, but God hasn’t. **Hell** will be your **just** penalty (exactly what you deserve), and you will have no one to blame but yourself. If you don’t believe it, it is still true.

**6. A just God has wrath on sin or rebellion against Him.** Rom 1:18 “For the **wrath** of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness & unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.”

 But if sinners remain hard and impenitent, His Word warns, ‘But after your hardness and impenitent heart, you are treasuring up unto yourself **wrath** against the **Day of wrath** and revelation of the righteous **judgment of God**; Who will render to every man according to his deeds’ (Rom 2:5-6).”

“**Sin** is saying to God throughout life, ‘Go away and leave me alone.’ **Hell** is God’s finally saying to man, ‘You may have your wish.’ It is God’s leaving man to himself, as man has chosen.” *C. S. Lewis*

**7. “..Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish.”** (Luke 13:3) : Paul warned in Acts 17:30,31 “And the times of this ignorance God overlooked; but now commands all men everywhere to **repent**: Because He has appointed a **day**, by which **He will judge the world in righteousness** by that man whom He has ordained; whereof He has given assurance unto all men, in that He has raised Him from the dead.”

In Ezek 18:30-32, “Therefore I will **judge** you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, says the Lord God: **Repent, and turn** yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. Cast away from you all your transgressions, which you have committed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: For why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dies, says the Lord God. **Therefore turn and live**.”

 In 2Pet 3:9, “The Lord is.. not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to **repentance**.”

 We see genuine **repentance** in Job 42:5,6, when Job had a revelation of God’s nature and said, “I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye sees Thee: Wherefore **I abhor myself** & **repent** in dust and ashes.”

 Another example is in Ezek 20:42-43 “And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for the which I lifted up My hand to give it to your fathers. And there shall you remember your ways, an all your doings, wherein you have been defiled; and you shall **loathe yourselves** in your own sight for all your evils that you have committed.” We see in v-44 “And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have dealt with you for My name’s sake..”

When one becomes a Christian, he admits his sin, and that God is **justified** in his charge against Him.

In a humble cry to God for mercy he may plead:

In Psalm 130:1-4 “Out of the depths have I cried unto you, O LORD.

 Lord, hear my voice: Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

 If, You, LORD, should take note of iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

 But there is forgiveness with You, that You may be feared (reverenced with awe).”

 Those who obtain the mercy of the cross & see the cost of redemption **live in the fear of the Lord**, knowing they were not redeemed with silver & gold but with the precious blood of Christ (1Pet 1:19).

**8. Yes, here is good news: God is not ‘fair’**. We deserve **judgment**, but God offers us **mercy**: a complete **pardon through the cross**. Jesus paid our fine 2000 years ago, so that God **(as Judge**) can legally dismiss the case against us when we come in **repentance** **toward God** and **faith in Jesus**. None of his transgressions will be remembered. Because of God’s great **mercy**, **He does not give us what is ‘fair’ and just** when He saved us and destroyed the power of the grave for all who obey Him.

 **9.** A **God of love says,** **obey the gospel, and live**. By doing that you will discover that the gospel is indeed the “gospel truth.” Jesus said, “**He that has My commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves Me: and he that loves Me shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will reveal My-self to him.**” (Jn 14:21).

Psalm 86:5 “**For Thou Lord, are good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon you**.” Get on your knees today, confess and forsake your sins. Tell God you are truly sorry, then put all your trust in Him as your Lord and Savior.

**10. Now, what about the judgment of God for the unrepentant sinner**?

 Do we ‘sigh’ at the thought of **Judgment Day**? **Does terror grip us at the thought of guilty sinners facing the wrath of a holy God**?

Ezek 21:6,7 “Sigh therefore, son of man, with a breaking heart, and sigh with bitterness before their eyes. And it shall be when they say unto you, Why are you sighing? That you shall answer, ‘Because of the news; when it comes, every heart shall melt, all hands shall be feeble, every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be as weak as water; behold, it comes and shall be brought to pass, says the Lord God.” v-9-10

“.. A sword, a sword is sharpened & polished: It is sharpened to make a dreadful slaughter..”

For every murder & rape, God sharpens & draws back the sword of **eternal justice**. For every lie, for hatred, greed, lust, envy, jealousy, pride, for adultery, fornication, unbridled anger, for every idle word, Almighty God holds the sword that is wielded by the arm of the Law.

Ezek 39:23 “And the Gentiles shall know that Israel went into captivity for their iniquity: because they trespassed against Me, therefore hid I My face from them, & gave them into the hand of their enemies: so fell they all by the sword.” All of God’s judgments against Israel were according to righteousness as just punishment for their sins. **The Day of Judgment** will be the ultimate Day when God manifests His righteous judgments according to the sins of mankind. We must warn the sinful world before it is too late!

Psalm 126:6 “He that goes forth and **weeps**, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.”

 “You blame me for **weeping**, but how can I help it when you will not **weep** for yourselves, though your immortal souls are on the verge of destruction?” *George Whitefield*

 Love is what is necessary for **zeal for the lost**.

 “You are not in the world for yourself. **You have been sent here for others**. **The world is waiting for you**.” *Catherine Booth/ Salvation Army*

 “The attitude of the average Christian today is relax and be raptured. **But He is coming**.. He has appointed a **Day** in which **He is going to judge the world, and the poor blind world doesn’t know much about it and the poor blind church doesn’t think much about it now**.” *Leonard Ravenhill*

You will know for certain that **hell** is a reality. When you get up the courage to warn people you care about; they will smile passively and say,

‘**Could you be wrong in your claims about Judgment Day and the existence of hell?’**