

Handout Part IV: Hell

In the Gospels Jesus speaks of both Hades the abode of the dead, which Jesus also calls “Abraham’s Bosom” and Hell/Gehenna, the place of torment and eternal separation from God.

Jesus speaks of Hades/the grave in:

- Matthew 11:23
- Matthew 16:18
- Luke 10:15:
- Luke 16:23.

In the other New Testament books Hades is mentioned in:

- Acts 2:27, 31
- Revelation 1:18
- 6:8
- 20:13, 14.

Jesus speaks of Gehenna, the place of eternal separation which was created not for man but for Satan and his demon angels. Jesus speaks of this place of eternal punishment in:

- Matthew 5:22, 29-30
- Matthew 10:28
- Matthew 13:42, 50
- Matthew 18:9
- Matthew 23:15, 33
- Matthew 25:41
- Mark 9:43-48
- Luke 12:5

St. James mentions Gehenna in James 3:6 and St. Peter speaks of the abode of Satan and his demon angels in 2 Peter 2:4, but refers to this place by the Greek word *Tartaroo*.

Jesus spoke of this place as the destination of those who commit mortal sins:

- Matthew 5:22, 29-30
- Matthew 23:33
- Mark 9:45
- Luke 12:5

Jesus describes Gehenna as:

- a fiery furnace in Matthew 13:42
- an unquenchable fire in Mark 9:43
- an “eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels in Matthew 25:41

The most descriptive Scriptural passages concerning Gehenna are found in the Book of Revelation:

- Revelation 19:20
- Revelation 20:14-15
- Revelation 21:8