

HELL-FIRE

TEN FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURE PASSAGES FOR *ETERNAL PUNISHMENT*

The following are ten Scriptural passages that verify the overwhelming evidence to support the historical interpretation of hell as *everlasting punishment* in *literal fire* for *eternity*.

1. Undying Worm and Unquenchable Fire.

“For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their WORM SHALL NOT DIE, NEITHER SHALL THEIR FIRE BE QUENCHED; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.” —Isaiah 66:22-24

2. Everlasting Life/Everlasting Contempt.

“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and EVERLASTING CONTEMPT.” —Daniel 12:1-2

3. Eternal Fire/The Fire of Hell.

“But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into EVERLASTING FIRE. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into HELL FIRE.” —Matthew 18:6-9

4. Eternal Punishment/Eternal Life.

“When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into EVERLASTING PUNISHMENT: but the righteous into life eternal.” —Matthew 25:31-46

5. Undying Worm and Unquenchable Fire.

“And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into HELL, into the FIRE THAT NEVER SHALL BE QUENCHED: WHERE THE WORM DIETH NOT AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into HELL, INTO THE FIRE THAT NEVER SHALL BE QUENCHED: WHERE THEIR WORM DIETH NOT, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into HELL FIRE: WHERE THEIR WORM DIETH NOT, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED.” —Mark 9:42-48

6. Everlasting Destruction.

“Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be PUNISHED WITH EVERLASTING DESTRUCTION from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; When he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.” —2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

7. The Punishment of Eternal Fire.

“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the VENGEANCE OF ETERNAL FIRE.” —Jude 1:7

8. Blackest Darkness Reserved Forever.

“Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is RESERVED THE BLACKNESS OF DARKNESS FOR EVER.” —Jude 1:13

9. The Smoke of Their Torment Rises for Ever and Ever.

“And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be TORMENTED WITH FIRE AND BRIMSTONE in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the SMOKE OF THEIR TORMENT ASCENDETH UP FOR EVER AND EVER: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.” —Revelation 14:9-11

10. The Lake of Fire.

“And the devil that deceived them was cast into the LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT FOR EVER AND EVER... And death and hell were cast into the LAKE OF FIRE. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the LAKE OF FIRE.” —Revelation 20:10, 14-15

A philosophical argument expressed in the following syllogism. Please consider...

1. If *Annihilationism* is true, then ultimately everyone who is punished receives the same punishment.
2. Scripture says that not everyone receives the same punishment (*Matt. 26:24; Luke 12:47-48*).
3. *Annihilationism* is therefore false.

What most advocates of the false doctrine of ‘*Annihilation*’ fail to see, is that even if their ‘*temporal*’ interpretation of the terms used for ‘*punishment, destruction, etc.*’ in the above Scriptures were valid, sinners, while their body dies, still maintain consciousness after natural death. It appears only God’s judgment ends this consciousness. This proves that sinners have immortality, and their souls survive natural death. If sinners, like dogs, horses, and fleas, have

no innate immortality (*either granted by God innately, or given to eternally preserve*), then why do their souls consciously survive natural death?

“So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” —1 Cor. 15:42-45

First, we notice that we as Christians are to seek immortality. Obviously, we do not possess it yet if we seek it...

“...to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life” —Romans 2:7

Second, at the resurrection the mortal (*us now with a physical mortal body*) will put on the immortal (*all men will have an immortal body*)...

“For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”’ —1 Corinthians 15:53

Now this is a powerful argument against *annihilation*. If *all men* both good and *wicked* put on immortality at the resurrection, then how do they then cease to exist? What kind of *immortality* is that? Hence, eternal torment; never to die again. Man’s body is not immortal now, but will be made so. All men, whether good or wicked. Man survives death consciously, then at resurrection is made immortal.

How can the wicked suffer the second death if they are immortal and then suffer the second death? If the wicked die again, then how can:

1. Simple, mortal refers to the body part not the soul. when man dies he survives death consciously. After resurrection, his immortal spiritual body is given to him and he will never again be apart from his body—*immortal*. But the second death is not the separation of the body and soul, but the separation of man from God for eternity in hell.
 2. Remember, the saying, “*Death is swallowed up in victory*” will come about at the final resurrection. If the wicked die *physically* again, then God was wrong when he said: “*When this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, ‘Death is swallowed up in victory’*”. Obviously, this was not true, for the wicked are swallowed up in physical death and death keeps its victory forever.
- While living—We are a spirit with a physical body.
 - While dead in Hades—We are a spirit without a physical body.

This argument is irrefutable unless:

1. One denies that the wicked are even raised from the dead as Christadelphians do thus contradicting “...*there shall certainly be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked*” (*Acts 24:15*).
2. One affirms that none of *1 Corinthians 15* has anything to say about the resurrection of the wicked, the central resurrection chapter of the Bible. Yet *v22* proves this applies to *all men*—“*For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive.*”