

WHY PREACH ON HELL?

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:41-46

Introduction:

1. Some passages we want to hear, others we need to hear.
2. Hell is too real and eternity is too long; we therefore must preach on hell.
3. We must preach on hell because...

I. WE ARE COMMANDED TO WARN / TEACH

- A. Example of Ezekiel –Ez 3:16-ff
 1. God had made him the “watchman” over His people
 2. His duty was to warn the wicked and the righteous that had strayed
- B. Example of Noah –Ge 6-9
 1. He knew the flood was coming.
 2. He spent 120 years building the ark and warning the people -2Pe 2:5

II. JESUS WARNED THE PEOPLE

- A. The Rich man and Lazarus –Lk 16:19-ff
 1. He described a man who had everything, but would not help a man with nothing
 2. The roles are reversed in eternity. Note the description.
- B. Three teachings dealing with eternity –Mt 25
 1. The wise and foolish virgins
 2. The Talents
 3. The Judgment on the nations

III. THE DESCRIPTION OF HELL IS HORRIFIC

- A. THE PLACE ITSELF
 1. Outer darkness
 2. Weeping and gnashing of teeth
 3. Eternal fire
- B. The Presence
 1. God is not there
 - a. We can know some places here overrun by evil
 - b. God however, is still present. This is not true of hell.
 2. The devil and his angels are there

IV. THE GOOD NEWS

- A. We Preach on Hell Because
 1. One can never appreciate the fullness of God’s grace without it
 2. One can never appreciate salvation if he does not understand what he is saved from
- B. There is a way to avoid hell
 1. This is only through Jesus –Jn 14:6; Ac 4:12
 2. Through obedience to His will – Mt 13:9, Jn 8:24, Lk 13:3, Lk 12:8, Mk 16:16, Re 2:10

Conclusion:

1. The gospel message of Jesus is open to everyone –Re 3:20, Mt 11:28-30
2. There is no reason to doubt your salvation!