The Realities
of
Heaven and Hell

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INTRODUCTION

What comes out clear when you ask people what they know about Heaven and Hell is that you find there is some misconception about those Places. Also and of much concern is that a majority of people do believe that there is Heaven but not that there is Hell as well and that is a wrong notion as truly both of the above are but a reality in life and they are going to be part of one's life eternally in any one of them depending on how one lived while still on the earth.

From the above fact it should be clear to all that one lives a sober life here on earth knowing very well the consequences of living a certain lifestyle while still on earth before the time of one's exit/departure from the scene. It is for that reason that I write this book as a reminder or an eye opener to us all so as to evaluate our lives and to do the necessary before it is too late to do anything. Now each individual with God's breadth in him or her has an opportunity to work out one's destiny by choosing a lifestyle which is fundamental in reaching that destiny so desired.

God had some advice to his people the Israelites (Deuteronomy 30:19-20, Ezekiel 33:9-11). God the Creator of heaven and earth is loving, merciful and gracious and has given advices to all of us on what we need to do in life and not only the Israelites as we are all his creations and he is a just God. Let us all do the necessary for our own good while it is still day as night is coming (Revelation 13).

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Chapter 1

The Meaning of Heaven

Heaven is God's dwelling place and it has another name called Paradise. The word Paradise is Persian meaning "garden" or "park". Heaven being God's dwelling place, it is a beautiful and wonderful place indeed! Let us now look at some scriptures on the same.

Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

Deuteronomy 26:15

It is self explanatory - God's dwelling place is holy and is called Heaven.

And now, O God of Israel let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spaketh unto thy servant David my father.

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?

Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant and to his supplication, **O Lord my God**, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee today:

That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and **hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place:** and when thou hearest, forgive.

1 Kings 8:26-30

The scripture above also does confirm to us that Heaven is God's dwelling place.

And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation.

And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron.

Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites

were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the Lord.

And they stood in their place after their manner, according to the Law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, which they received of the hand of the Levites.

For there were many in the congregation that were not sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the Passovers for everyone that was not clean, to sanctify them unto the Lord.

For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the Passover otherwise than it was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good Lord pardon every one,

That prepareth his heart to seek God, the Lord God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the sanctuary.

And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people.

And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem, kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the

priests praised the Lord day, by day, singing with loud instruments unto the Lord.

And Hezekieah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the Lord: and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings, and making confession to the Lord God of their fathers.

And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept other seven days with gladness.

For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves.

And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced.

So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.

Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and **their prayer**

came up to his holy dwelling place, even unto heaven.

2 Chronicles 30:13-27

Equally the scripture is self explanatory on Heaven as God's holy dwelling place.

The **heaven**, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

Psalm 115:16

The heaven bolded above in the scripture is the one I am referring to and which is the Lord's and is also known as the third heaven and is the highest from the earth as we are going to see in the next scripture and which is our subject matter in the chapter of this book.

IT is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.
I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such a one caught up to the **third heaven.**
And I knew such a man, (Whether in the body or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

How that he was caught up into **paradise,** and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in my infirmities.

2 Corinthians 12:1-5

You can see in the scripture that heaven (the third heaven) is referred to as paradise. The first and the second heavens is comprised of the atmosphere and the stellar universe respectively.

And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying,

If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Luke 23:39-43

In the above scripture you can see that paradise is a synonym for heaven.

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the **paradise of God.**

Revelation 2:7

The paradise of God is heaven as in heaven is where there is the tree of life (Revelation 22:14).

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of **my Father which is in heaven.**

Matthew 18:19

In the above scripture too Jesus said that his Father (God) is in heaven and is ready to answer prayer from people on earth meaning that heaven is God's dwelling place.

THUS saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

Isaiah 66:1

Heaven is God's throne and where he lives.

AND it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, **Our Father which art in heaven,** Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

Luke 11:1-4

The above Lord's Prayer also confirms that heaven is God's dwelling place. Now let us turn and look at the scripture that details this place called heaven.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

And he said, unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whore mongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last

plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

And he carried me away to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

And had a wall great and high and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

On the east three gates; on the north three gates, on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

And he measured the wall thereof, a hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man that is, of the angel.

And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chaldedony; the fourth, an emerald;

The fifth, sardonyx; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

AND he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 21:1-22:2

You will now agree with me going by the detailed description of heaven that it is not only beautiful and wonderful but more, in that it is splendid and spectacular.

Surely, surely, that is the place to be as God purposed for mankind (Matthew 25:34, 40-41).

Chapter 2

The Reality of Heaven

Heaven is a real place as it exists and that is why the Scripture records it as we are going to see on many occasions.

And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray towards this place: and **hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place:** and when thou hearest, forgive.

1 Kings 8:30

The Lord is in his holy temple, **the Lord's throne is in heaven:** his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.

Psalms 11:4

After this manner therefore pray ye: **our Father which art in heaven.** Hallowed be thy name.

Matthew 6:9

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That **in heaven their angels do**

always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

Matthew 18:10

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly thing themselves with better sacrifices than these.

For **Christ** is not **entered** into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but **into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:**

Hebrews 9:22-24

IT is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord.

I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such a **one caught up to the third heaven.**

2 Corinthians 12:1-2

The heaven am talking about is the third heaven which is essentially God's dwelling place and is very high above the second heaven with the solar system: The sun, the moon and the stars (Genesis 1:14-18; 22:19, Job 38:31-33, Isaiah 13:10, Matthew 24:29) and the first heaven below it consisting of the atmosphere and the clouds (Acts 1:10-11, John 17:1).

And Jacob went out from Beer-she'-ba, and went toward Har'-an.
And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep.
And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.
And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;
And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not.

And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! **This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.**

And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it.

And he called the name of that place Beth-el: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first.

And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on,

So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God:

And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

Genesis 28:10-22

THUS saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? And where is the place of my rest?

Isaiah 66:1

And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the Lord's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is.

Deuteronomy 10:12-14

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? And there is none upon the earth that I **desire** beside thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Psalm 73:24-26

KEEP thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.

Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter anything before God: for G**od is in heaven,** and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

FOR we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, **we have a building of God, an house not made with hands,** eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with **our house which is from heaven.**

2 Corinthians 5:1-2

And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, for bearing threatening: knowing that **your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.**

Ephesians 6:9

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Philippians 3:20-21

Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:

And then shall appear the sign of the **Son of man in heaven:** and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Matthew 24:29-30

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.

For **there are three that bear record in heaven,** the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

1 John 5:6-7

AND **I saw a new heaven** and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Revelation 21:1

But ye are come unto mount Zi'-on, and unto **the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem**, and to an innumerable company of angels,

To the general assembly and church of the first-born, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Hebrews 12:22-23

God is not a liar and what we have read is his word and his word is the truth. Heaven is real just as day and night that we experience in life daily.

Chapter 3

The Citizens of Heaven

There are two groups who are bona fide citizens of heaven of which the first group has been there from creation the group being the holy angels of God who are the dwellers with God in heaven.

The second group is composed of the redeemed of the Lord who were born of water and of the Spirit and others who are born on a daily basis globally and who remain faithful to Lord to the end of their lives and also the newcomers who are going to do the same. Simply put, the holy Christians. Let's now navigate the scripture on this second group but first to have a brief look at the first group - the holy angels.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was there place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the

whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Revelation 12:7-9

Lucifer an archangel of God and who was in charge of worship then rebelled against God and he had sympathisers (a following) that happened to be a third in fraction on God's angels and all of them were cast out of heaven to the earth.

It follows therefore that a majority, a two thirds fraction of God's angels remained in heaven as had no part in the ugly incident and are serving faithfully God the Creator of heaven and earth and all that therein seen and unseen. That is the first group composed purely of holy angels (Matthew 25:31).

And I beheld, and **I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne** and the beasts and the elders: and **the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;**

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

Revelation 5:11-12

The above multitude of angels are of course the holy angels of God. I now do turn to the second group composed of the holy saints.

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Philippians 3:20-21

Apostle Paul in writing the epistle addressing the church at Philippi was confident of being a bona fide citizen of heaven together with the like-minded (holy saints) in that church when the Lord shall appear to take his holy Church (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18). Something that we need to take note of is that there is nothing like dual citizenship in heaven same to hell as one must make a choice now here on earth where one will spend eternity (one place only) although on earth it is possible but not in eternity God has placed before all of us. Let us look at some scriptures that point to that fact.

And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

1 Kings 18:17-21

In the above scripture the prophet of God gave people sound advice for free and no one answered him. Why? Because many people prefer to live double standard life (in the middle) and which is very slippery and dangerous as in God there is no middle ground of being neither here nor there.

See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgements, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.

Deuteronomy 30:15-19

God the Creator of heaven and earth is just and fair to all of us. He does not force any one but gives each one of us an opportunity to choose one's destiny into eternity and has even advised us the better life for us.

I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.

So then because thou art lukewarm, and nether cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.

Revelation 3:15-16

In the above scripture God is advising the Church of Christ (his Church) to make a firm stand and live solely for him lest it loses in life being judged. It has been said that you cannot have your cake and eat it at the same time. God hates double standards which is but hypocrisy before him and will judge swiftly and righteously.

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, ad fared sumptuously every day.

And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores.

And desiring to fed with the crumps which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things: and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

Luke 16:19-25

The issue is not whether you were rich or poor but the life you chose in life either to fear and live for God or otherwise. Choose well and live wisely as careless living God will not tolerate. Please take time and read the life of Abraham how he lived (Hebrews 11:8-19).

For this we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even **so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.**

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:
Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.
Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:14-18

PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,
Elect according to the fore knowledge of God the Father, through **sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:** Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:1-5

When Apostle Peter was writing that epistle the gospel of Jesus Christ had not yet spread across the globe and there is no need to be alarmed that your area was not covered among the elect then in his epistle. All the elect globally who remain obedient to the Lord are thereby sanctified and cleansed by the Holy Spirit and the blood of the Lamb and become bona fide citizens of heaven and to be glorified and be taken into heaven at the opportune time which is at Christ's coming for his Church. The Scripture say obedience is better than sacrifice (1 Samuel 15:22).

And there shall be in no wise **enter into it** anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but **they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**

Revelation 21:27

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city.

Revelation 22:14

It is obedience, obedience and obedience which guarantee those in Christ Jesus their names to remain written in the Lamb's book of life and qualify to

enter into heaven to be with the Lord forever. Now one thing that is going to make many to miss entry into the kingdom of God in heaven is that they have not taken with gravity the issue of eternity as some think it is a thousand years, yet in true fact it is life without an end which should make them shudder at the thought. Also, on the same note, many have not grasped the most glorious life in heaven in total contrast to hell which offer the most horrific life imaginable! If they could just take a second look at the two places with a complete sober mind they would choose right – heaven in repentance for forgiveness of sins and accepting Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Saviour and to live a holy and righteous life the rest of their lives, to be found in there.

Chapter 4

The Lifespan in Heaven

The life in Heaven is not short but is a very long one as the scripture records. Let us navigate through.

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

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 hungered, 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 hungered, 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 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 hungered, 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 hungered, or a thirst, 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

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain **shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.**

Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The scriptures above are quite clear, that the life in heaven is for eternity, that is, it is without an end. Now that is a more motivation for all of us to endeavour to be there after this life on earth already having the knowledge of how marvellous life is found only there in God's eternal kingdom.

Chapter 5

The Main activity in Heaven

The main activity in heaven is in praising and worshipping of the Lord God.

IN the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple;
Above it stood the Ser'-a-phim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.
And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Isaiah 6:1-3

That was a vision that prophet Isaiah saw on the activity that was taking place in heaven.

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock at night.

And, lo, the angel of God came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them: and there were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:1-14

AFTER this I looked, and behold, a door was opened in heaven and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show thee things which must be hereafter.

And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.

And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

And round about the throne were four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their head crowns of gold.

And out of the throne proceeded lightings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night saying, Holy, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.

AND I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

And he came and took the book out of the the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb,

having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by the blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.

And hast made us unto God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand and thousands of thousands;

Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

And the four beasts said, A’men. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshiped him that liveth for ever and ever.

Just as I said in the chapter opening the two scriptures the activity is both praise and worship up there at the throne of God in heaven.

After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;
And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.
And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God,
Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Revelation 7: 9-12

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God.

Saying, we give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

Revelation 11: 15-17

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of

his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy life time receivedst thy good things, and likewise **Lazarus** evil things: but now he **is comforted**, and thou art tormented.

Luke 16:19-25

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Revelation 14:13

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and

marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.
Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgements are made manifest.

Revelation 15:1-4

AND after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:
for true and righteous are his judgements: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.
And again they said, alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.
And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshiped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.
And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

Revelation 19:1-5

Chapter 6

How to make it to Heaven

In order for one to make it to heaven there are some fundamentals that must be met first. The first step on those fundamentals is to be born again and be a child (son or daughter) of God as we are going to see in the scriptures.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe.
He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

He came unto his own, and his own received him not.

But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.

Which were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth

John 1:6-14

John the Baptist was a fore runner of Jesus Christ and he was the one that God sent to witness (introduce) him to people. Jesus Christ was that Light that the people were expected to believe in him as the true light (John 8:12; 9:5, 1John1:1-5). John the Baptist was preparing the way for Christ the Messiah who was about to come to the people. Unfortunately for many when he came and though he was their Creator they knew him not and received him not (John 1:1-5, 10-11) but for those that recognised and received him, he gave them power to become the sons of God

(as he is the baptizer with the Holy Spirit) for those who have believed in him (John 1:12, Matthew 3:11). Such that have believed are born of God by his Spirit (John 1:13) as they have received Jesus Christ the Word of God (John 1:13, 1-3).

THERE was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:
The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.
Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.
Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?
Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.
That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, wither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit

John 3:1-8

In order for one to be born again, one must go to Jesus personally as an individual as Nicodemus did as salvation is not a collective decision but an individual decision. Also, one must acknowledge Jesus the Messiah as one from God and with God (John 3:1-2; 10:30; 14:1, 6-9).

As explained in the above scripture, the condition for entry into heaven is one, as the first step – to be born of God by his Spirit so as to be spiritual as God is a Spirit (John 4:24) and he is the one that dwells in heaven together with his holy angels. As human beings our first birth by our parents is biological whereas the second birth by God is spiritual (John 3:3-7). For those who are born of the Spirit are transformed and therefore cannot be understood by those still living by the first birth only as their lives are at variance (John 3:8, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Titus 2:11-14, 2 Peter 1:1-4).

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The Father loveth the Son and hath given all things into his hand.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:14-16; 35-36

The children of Israel received healing when they were bitten by deadly serpents in the wilderness only on condition that they took time and looked up on the brass serpent that Moses the servant of God raised for their physical healing (Numbers 21:1-9). God in his wisdom had arranged for spiritual healing for all mankind and sent his Son Jesus Christ for the task (Isaiah 53:1-6, John 3:14-15) now that was great love from God to mankind (John 3:16, Romans 5:6-8, 1 John 3:1; 4:9-10). God says he loves the Son and hath given all things into his hand which is quite true (Matthew 11:27-30; 28:16-20). So, for one to live

eternally in heaven one must first believe in Christ Jesus without having to pay a penny as he is the life and had paid it all at the cross at Calvary (John 14:5-6; 19:28-30).

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.
In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

John 14:1-3

Very true indeed as has been recorded in the following scriptures.

For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:
Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Philippians 3:20-21

That was Apostle Paul that wrote the epistle to believers in Christ Jesus at Philippi telling them of what to expect at the Lord's coming for his holy Church.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,
Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1:3-5

That was apostle writing to the Church of Christ informing them that they would inherit the kingdom of heaven at God's appointed time. But let me put things in their right perspective touching on being born again.

IN those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

For this is he that was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

Matthew 3:1-3

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 4:17

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:
Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 17:30-31

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.
Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:36-38

Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the corner.

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Acts 4:10-12

For one to be saved by God one must repent of one's sins and that is why John the Baptist and Jesus all preached the message of repentance (the turning away from sin) to the people and even after the death and resurrection as well and the ascension of Jesus the same message was being preached by his disciples - the apostles. Repentance is not optional but a must to receive the salvation of one's soul. And

it is not repentance alone but putting one's faith in Christ Jesus as well in order to be saved.

Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:
And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the Law of Moses.

Acts 13:38-39

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.
For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law,
That the man which doeth, those things shall live by them.

But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart,

Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)

Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Romans 10:1-13

By repenting and in faith confessing and calling upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ one is saved. One

need not establish one's own righteousness but to go for God's perfect righteousness which is in his Son Jesus Christ as that is true knowledge and not a fallacy.

Now let me turn to the second part after one has received salvation (has been born again) as salvation is by God grace (Ephesians 2:1-9) and is not an end in itself.

One is saved for a purpose (Ephesians 2:10). Once saved one need to live a lifestyle that pleases the Lord (Titus 2:11-14). One need to live at a higher standard above other unregenerate men and women in order to enter heaven (Matthew 5:20). Holiness and righteousness becomes the hall mark of one desiring to be in heaven (Matthew 5:13-16, 1 Peter 1:1:13-16, Hebrews 12:14, Revelation 19:6-9) and faith becomes a constant in life (Hebrews 11:4-10; 32-40) same to obedience (1 Samuel 15:22, Matthew 7:21, Luke 11:27-28, Matthew 12:46-50, Revelation 22:14) same to separation (2 Corinthians 6:14-18, 2 Timothy 2:19, Psalm 1:1-3, 1 Corinthians 15:33-34, Proverbs 13:20, Psalm 141:1-4) and having a singular focus (Matthew 6:19-24; 19:16-24, Hebrew 12:1-2) and having one's priority right (Matthew 6:31-34; 10:37; 22:34-40) and depending on God not living

independently as we are nothing without him (Matthew 18:1-5, John 15:5, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Deuteronomy 8:11-18) and the need to deny oneself and to carry daily one's cross (Matthew 10:17-22; 38, 16:21-25;26:42, Luke 22:39-42, 9:23-26, Acts 14:19-22, 16:16-33, 21:8-14, 2 Timothy 3:10-12, 4:1-8) and avoid apostasy (Revelation 3:14-19, Hebrews 6:4-8, 2 Peter 2:20-22). There is some work to be done as you can see from those scriptures for any one desiring to be in heaven so one cannot just idle about and be complacent in salvation (Philippians 2:12-13, 2 Peter 1:2-8, Matthew 24:45-47, 25:14-30, 1 Corinthians 15:58, Galatians 6:7-10, 1 Corinthians 3:10-15, Revelation 22:12). Let us not be scared by the above facts as they are possible with God in God by his power, grace, and mercy in Jesus' name, Amen. (1 Corinthians 15:42-57, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, Jude 24-25). Here now is another fundamental factor after one has been born again, to be embraced in life for entry into and eternity in heaven and is to fear God so that he is glorified.

NOW therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgements, which I teach you, for to do

them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you.

Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish aught from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.

Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you.

But ye that did cleave unto the LORD thy God are alive every one of you this day.

Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgements, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.

Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.

Deuteronomy 4:1-6

Now for you to show wisdom and understanding in your life, you must be obeying doing what God requires of you. That was God's instruction to the children of Israel and applies to all people on earth.

Let us look at other scriptures that describe to us what wisdom and understanding is according to God.

And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

Job 28:28

There it is in black and white. Fearing God is wisdom and departing from evil is understanding.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever.

Psalm 111:10

One gets wisdom only by beginning to fear God and gets understanding by obeying his commandments.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 1:7

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

Proverbs 3:7

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the forward mouth, do I hate.

Proverbs 8:13

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.
For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased.

Proverbs 9:10-11

All the above scriptures stress on the need to fear God by obeying his commandments / laws as God highly values it. No wonder as other scripture says 'obedience is better than sacrifice' (1 Samuel 15:22-23) and another one says 'blessed are they that hear and keep (obey) God's word' (Luke 11:27-28) and so we find that obedience is key. I recommend to you my other book entitled 'OBEDIENCE – The Key to all God's blessings'

Chapter 7

The welcome in Heaven

In this chapter we are going to see at a glance how the holy saints will be welcomed in heaven.

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.
And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.
Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.
And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.
After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.
And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, though deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five more talents.
His lord said unto him, Well done, though good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.
He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.
His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:14-23

It is quite nice, isn't it? Let us come to the more exciting thing altogether.

AND after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia: Salvation, and

glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God.
For true and righteous are his judgements: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

And again they said, Alleluia. And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.
And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.
And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.
And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Revelation 19:1-9

Oh my! It is going to be jubilation extravaganza! Are you going to be there? As for me and by God's grace I definitely will be there for that is why I was called and I believe, chosen as well. So, let us all strive to be found there on that glorious day which is just ahead of us. In closing, I do say, what a warmly welcome it will be!

Chapter 8

The Meaning of Hell

Hell is the place of confinement for the fallen angels and lost men. It is a place of punishment to the rebellious and disobedient to God the Creator of heaven and earth and all that is therein. The synonym of hell is Gehenna in Greek language, also Sheol in Hebrew language, meaning the grave or unseen state and also Tartarus in Greek language meaning the abode of the dead. Hell is a place of torment and a place of unrest. Let us look at some scriptures that describe it.

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.
He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;
The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;
The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:36-42

Now hell is not only a lake of fire but it serves as God's dustbin (a place to take all that is bad and useless such as the tares for disposal / burning). All the children of Satan (his seed - the bad seed) will have to be burned in hell as are not fit to be in the holy city of the New Jerusalem which in heaven (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Revelation 20:11-15; 21:8, 21-27) same to those who abided not in the Lord, that is, the apostate Church (John 15:6).

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Matthew 3:11-12

All the above two scriptures talk of one and the same thing: a furnace of fire and unquenchable fire all of which is nothing other than hell - which is actually a lake of fire and which does not go off as we are going to see later.

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 half 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 18:7-9

So, you see, all the scriptures talk of the fire of hell. So, hell is full of fire which that cannot be extinguished!
The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell

with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?

Isaiah 33:14

The above scripture too does describe the state of hell where there is continuous and unending fire (burnings) and which will be for the sinners and hypocrites.

BUT there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgement now of a long time lingered not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement;

And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

And turning the cities of Sodom and Go-mor'-rah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly;

And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

(for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgement to be punished:

2 Peter 2:1-9

Hell is a place of confinement and punishment.

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead

were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them and they were judged every man according to their works. 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 20:11-15

Hell is comprised of the lake of fire.

And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment.

And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

For many are called, but few are chosen.

Matthew 22:11-14

Hell is also a place of total darkness and in the above scripture it calls it “outer darkness” I say so because

we are told it is a place where there is suffering-weeping and gnashing of teeth as explained in other scriptures for those who God has judged to be sent there to be punished. Quite a contrast to Heaven a place of plenty of light needing not even the sun or the moon (Revelation 21:21-23).

Chapter 9

The Reality of Hell

Hell is a real place as it exists and that is why the Scripture records it as we are going to see on many occasions.

Hell is naked before him, and destruction hath no covering.

Job 26:6

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: **if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.**

Psalm 139:7-8

The two scriptures affirm the existence of hell and which is naked (not hidden) before God the Creator.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name evermore.

For great is thy mercy toward me: and **thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.**

Psalm 86:12-13

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For **thou wilt not leave my soul in hell:** neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 16:9-11

Hell is real as we can see in those scriptures. So let us be careful in life.

A foolish woman is clamorous: she is simple, and knoweth nothing.

For she sitteth at the door of her house, on a seat in the high places of the city,

To call passengers who go right on their ways: whose is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith unto him,

Stolen waters are sweet, and bread eaten in secret, is pleasant.

But he knoweth not that the dead are there; and that **her guests are in the depths of hell.**

Proverbs 9:13-18

For the lips of a strange woman drop as a honeycomb, and her mouth is smoother than oil:
But her end is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.
Her feet go down to death; her steps take hold on hell.

Proverbs 5:3-5

The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the Lord: but he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die.
Hell and destruction are before the Lord: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

Proverbs 15:9-11

We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.
Let death seize upon them and **let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.**
As for me, I will call upon God: and the Lord shall save me.

Psalm 55:14-16

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!

And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

Isaiah 5:11-14

Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

Isaiah 14:9

The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

Psalm 9:17

Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.

Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, **he is a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell,** and is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:

Habakkuk 2:4-5

I SAW the Lord standing upon the alar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them: and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.

Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down.

Amos 9:1-2

What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.

And fear them not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather **fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell**.

Matthew 10:27-28

And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down into hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Matthew 11:23

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, Let him hear.

Matthew 13:38-43

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 to hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:
Where their 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 9:43-48

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 16:22-23

I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have **the keys of hell and of death.**

Revelation 1:18

God is not a liar and what we have read is his word and his words is the truth. Hell is real just as day and night that we experience in life daily.

Chapter 10

The Citizens of Hell

There is a state that must be met in order for one to be found in hell. Now that state has to do with rebellion and disobedience to God which includes hating and rejecting Him, categorically to speak. Now as we go through the scriptures, we shall be able to identify that group that shall be ripe for hell. In fact, one group is already destined there come what may and only a second group has a chance/an opportunity to change that destiny if it so wishes.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: and workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed Cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.

Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

Ezekiel 28:13-17

Lucifer who came later to be called Satan, the Devil, the Dragon, the old Serpent was wonderfully created and had much beauty and was so created to be the lead/chief worshipper in God's temple in heaven but unfortunately he was mesmerized and inflamed with the beauty such that his heart was lifted up with pride and he saw

no harm in equating himself to his Creator and that was his undoing as he had already rebelled in his heart (remember the words of the Lord in the book of Matthew- Matthew 5:27-28 touching on the sin of adultery. God had to act quickly as he is holy and cannot be a partaker of any sin. He had to purge sin out of heaven his territory / dwelling place as the following scripture narrates to us.

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was there place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

God gave Lucifer his match (an archangel Michael) who was in charge of war and who accomplished God's task of removing sin out of heaven by removing Satan and his cohorts. Some of the cohorts ended in Hell (2 Peter 2:4) but the rest are on the earth as demons or devils with Satan (the Devil) as well and the earth is merely a stopover for them as their final destiny is in hell.

As for Satan he is yet to go at a big stopover- the bottomless pit to stay there for a thousand years (Revelation 20:1-3) so as not to deceive God's people during Christ's Millennium rule on earth in Jerusalem (Revelation 19:11-21) at Christ's second coming to the earth (Revelation 1:7-8).

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the

beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

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.

Revelation 20:7-10

So Satan will be at it again in deceiving people of all the nations! No wonder his fate had been sealed when he was cast out of heaven and also that is why Jesus called him the deceiver and liar (John 8:44) as he is full of deceits / lies. Let me now dwell more on the second group.

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 hungered, 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 hungered, 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 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 hungered, 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 hungered, or a thirst, 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

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, no effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortionist, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

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

And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them and they were judged every man according to their works. 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 20:11-15

The above scripture puts to an end the argument of people who live wickedly and say when he or she dies, it is over for him or her and there is nothing to be done for him or her. It is quite a fallacy as judgement is inevitable (Hebrews 9:27). All the above scriptures touch on unrighteousness and which God will judge and punish eternally in hell fire. but one can change the situation now by repenting of one's sins and believing in Christ Jesus as one's Lord and Saviour and beginning to live a holy and righteous life in the fear of the Lord the rest of one's life and one's name will be found in the book of life which qualify one entry into the kingdom of God to live there eternally. Grab it now my reader, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Chapter 11

The Lifespan in Hell

The life in hell is not short but is a very long one as the Scripture records. Let us navigate through.

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

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 hungered, 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 hungered, 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 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 hungered, 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 hungered, or a thirst, 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

And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

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 14:8-11

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison.

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

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.

The scriptures above are quite clear, that the life in hell is eternal, that is, it is without an end. Now that alone should scare us out of our skins to make all efforts not to be found there, already having known how terrible a place it is!

Chapter 12

The Main activity in Hell

Hell categorically speaking is a place where one with a sound mind would never want to land there as it is the worst place imaginable - a place of total suffering, a place of complete unrest, a place of total hopelessness, quite a chaotic place, a place of total lawlessness, a place of deep darkness, a real scary place, a place that drives one crazy. Let me give a glimpse of the place and what goes on there by looking at some scriptures that describe the activity there.

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;
And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: **there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.**

Matthew 13:41-42

Well, did I say a scary place? there you are.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, **O**

generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bring forth therefore fruit meet for repentance:

And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able to these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but **he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

Matthew 3:7-12

Hell is a place of continual burning as the fire in it is unquenchable (cannot be stopped from burning) it is but a lake of fire or let me say a furnace full of fire.

Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened to a man which sowed good seed in his field:

But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

So the servants of the house holder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers,

Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

Matthew 13:24-30

Now heaven is not only God's dwelling place but it is also a barn (a house) for keeping that which is good and useful and belongs to him such as harvested

wheat from the field (good harvested souls of men and women from the world) (John 14:1-3).

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 to hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched:**
Where their 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 9:43-48

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: **the rich man also died, and was buried;**

And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; **for I am tormented in this flame.**

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy life time receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come thence.

Then he said, I pray thee therefore father, that thou wouldst send him to my father's house:

For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this **place of torment**.

Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Luke 16:19-31

Hell is a place of torments and is not a joke and the activities are ugly, very ugly. It is a place of no return as it is an irreversible situation. Let us all think and examine our lives now and do something about it before it is too late in the grave.

The rich man could not do anything on his past life on earth when he was in hell and that is why he asked that Lazarus to go to his father's house on earth to testify and warn them of the reality of hell.

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

From the foregoing it is quite obvious that the main activity in hell is so awful.

Chapter 13

What makes one to be found in hell

There are of course some reasons that can make one to be found in hell among them being rebellious and disobedient to God, to his servants which includes the Government. Equally so it is to reject God and his Son Jesus Christ and to blaspheme the Holy Spirit. The scripture has recorded them. Let us look at some of them.

LET every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth

not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.
Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.
For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.
Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

Romans 13:1-7

Now that is the case and another classical example is the case of Korah, Dathan and Abiram and their company who rebelled against Moses the servant of God and Aaron his brother and they received their share (Numbers 16).

THERE were present at that season some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate mingled with their sacrifices.
And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans, because they suffered such things?
I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Si-lo'-am fell, and slew them, think ye they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 13:1-5

Lack of repentance (impenitence) in life results to one perishing in hell fire of course. And that is why we found out in chapter 6 that the message of repentance was preached by not only John the Baptist but also Jesus Christ and so was with his disciples and to date with Christ's followers giving people an opportunity of returning back to God for forgiveness and mercy. That same pattern is equally found in the Old Testament of the Scripture as well, that people repent and turn back (return) to God their Creator.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

Come now, and let us reason, together saith the Lord; though your sins be scarlet, they shall be as white as

snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 1:18-20

A sword is not a joke. It is longer and sharper and cannot be compared to a machete. It can be used for slaying pretty fast!

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Cast away from all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

Ezekiel 18:30-32

Without repentance death is inevitable as from the fall of man in the Garden of Eden to date (Genesis 3:1-19, Romans 3:23; 6:23a)

Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:36-42

If one reject Christ Jesus one is not a child of God but a child of Satan and is destined to a furnace of fire in hell (1 John 2:22-23; 3:8-10, John 3:17-20, 36).

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O

generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Bring forth therefore fruit meet for repentance:

And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able to these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

And now also the axe is laid unto the root of trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Matthew 3:7-10

The fire mentioned above is not ordinary fire but unquenchable fire in hell (verse 12b). Only genuine repentance and righteousness that ensues counts or else it is but hypocrisy as that of the Pharisees and the Sadducees which has no good fruits and therefore is due for unquenchable fire as God's punishment. You can read also on the consequences of evil works (unrighteousness) in the book of Matthew (Matthew 25:31-46).

Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.

And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

Matthew 12:31-32

To speak against the Holy Spirit by attributing his work to the devil is pure blasphemy (verse 9 through to 30). The Pharisees ascribed the work of the Spirit of God in Jesus to the devil resulting in blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.

Equally for those who will enter into the Tribulation period and receive the mark of the beast (the antichrist) and worship him they too fall in the same category as have signed their death sentence by accepting the devil and out rightly rejecting Jesus Christ the Messiah (Revelation 13:1-8; 14:9-12). In the grand mega judgement those whose names are not written in the Lamb's book of life will suffer the same fate of being cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:11-15) same applies to the apostate (Revelation 3:14-20).

Please do note that the act of taking away of one's life by whatever means makes one to be accursed and cannot be allowed in heaven (Revelation 21:27, 22:1-

3) as is a son of perdition and is destined to everlasting punishment which is only possible in hell as the case of Judas Iscariot (Matthew 27:1-5, Deuteronomy 21:22-23, John 17:11-12) and also Satan for him because he brought sin (rebellion and pride) in heaven and affected/influenced other angels so they are also destined to hell (Matthew 25:41, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3, 2 Peter 2:4).

THEREFORE we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.
For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;
How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Hebrews 2:1-4

To reject God's salvation brought about through his only begotten Son Jesus Christ is to reject God and his plan for you and is to court a disaster.

God's salvation for mankind did not come easy / cheaply but at a very, very, very high price as it cost the life of Christ (Isaiah 53:1-6, Romans 5:6-8, 2Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 1:18-19, Revelation 5). The salvation God brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ is so great in all the human history and there is no greater thing than it. To reject it is to be totally doomed as it is the second and only chance for humanity for being united with God so as to be with him eternally after the life on earth. If you miss this golden opportunity (Romans 6:23) you have only one place left for you and that is hell.

Don't be deceived by the liar (John 8:44, Genesis 3:1-7, Revelation 20:7-10) who is on a campaign trail to get as many followers as possible to accompany him to his final destination/abode which is the lake of fire of hell. So, watch out, be wise and make a wise decision now, now!!! In Jesus' name.

Let not all that you have read in this book go to waste, grasp the opportunity for your own good forever (Revelation 21:1-8) - You have to believe all

the facts from the scriptures quoted and the exhortations and the warnings.

The following is a summary of the contrasting eternity:

Heaven	Hell
1.The best place ever to be in.	1.The worst place ever to be in.
2. A place of enjoyment.	2. A place of suffering.
3. A place of plenty.	3. A place of dearth.
4. A place of light.	4. A place of total darkness.
5. A place of rest.	5. A place of unrest.
6. A place of liberty.	6. A place of total confinement.
7. A place of order.	7. A place of total disorder.
8. A place cool place.	8. A burning furnace.
9. A friendly place.	9. An unfriendly place.
10. A place of honour.	10. A place of dishonour.
11. A place of joy.	11. A place of misery and sorrow.
12. A place full of hope.	12. A place of hopelessness.
13. A place of no regret whatsoever.	13. A place full of regrets.
14. A place of tranquillity.	14. A place of chaos.
15. A place of comfort.	15. A place of total
16. A place of holiness.	
17. A place for the right choice in life.	

18. A wonderfully nice place indeed. 19. A place for the blessed. 20. A place for the righteous.	discomfort. 16. A place of filth. 17. A place for the wrong choice in life. 18. A ghastly place indeed. 19. A place for the cursed. 20. A place for the wicked.

From the foregoing, one is in a position to make the right choice where one wants to be into and to work at it, with all one's efforts. For more information before making a decision one can read the following scriptures: Deuteronomy 30:15-19, Ezekiel 18:20-23, Matthew 7:13-14;21.

Chapter 14

The welcome in Hell

In this chapter we are going to see a glimpse of those who will not make it in Heaven how they will be welcomed in Hell.

Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.
All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

Isaiah 14:9-11

Now that is a complete contrast to the welcome in Heaven. There in Hell it is a sad and a sombre mood and is more than a nightmare! I believe you do not want to be found there and therefore I give you a free advice, which is, Go for God's free salvation straight away, repent to your Creator and ask for his forgiveness and be saved. Then begin the journey of

faith leading to Heaven by living in holiness and righteousness and waiting anxiously anticipating for the coming of the Lord of glory, Jesus Christ the Saviour, who when he comes and find you ready will take you right up into Heaven by his mighty power (John 1:6-13; 3:16, Acts 2:36-42; 4:10-12; 17:30-31, Romans 3:20-24; 6:23; 10:1-13, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 5:8, Hebrews 12:14, Titus 2:11-14, Revelation 19:6-9).

Notes to the reader

I take this opportunity to sincerely congratulate you for taking time to read this while there is time. Now if you have any comments to make please do so using the address given and also if you have not yet given your life to the Lord Jesus Christ to be your Lord and Saviour don't hesitate. Please do so by repeating this prayer with all sincerity: "Lord Jesus, I have read your word and have come to the knowledge of heaven and hell. I come to you today as a sinner and do repeat of all my sins. Please forgive me and cleanse me with your precious blood and save me and fill me with your Holy Spirit. I ask all this in Jesus' name, Amen and thank you for saving my life".

If you have said by faith the above prayer then do believe with all your heart that you are saved. If you have not been going to any church do join one that preaches and teaches the true word of God and ask the pastor that you need a believer's water baptism as you are already born again.

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