

THE QUARANTINE OF ETERNITY *A Perspective on Heaven and Hell*

We live in a World of Shadows!!! A place where there's some darkness and some light... A dwelling of hues of grey as if our lives exist on the screen of an old black and white television set, where there are greys everywhere..., some darker than others.

- Consider the fact that where ever you go, there are shadows..., hues of grey
- You look by a chair and underneath you'll see a shadow cast
- You look outside your front door and you'll see not only trees and houses, but shadows alongside

Even in D.C. - "*Deep Country*" at night, where it can get super dark, if you look up on a clear night you'll see stars in the sky... Not much to see in D.C. at night where there are no street or city lights, but there are always places in the distance where you'll find some light.

Conversely, even in a hot African desert at noonday, you'll see shadows. Perhaps cast by a sand dune or a cactus plant, or your own presence you'll see places that are not as bright because an object is blocking the light.

It is because of the norm of this existence, we often fail to understand the Quarantine of Eternity. Two places or camps that are exclusively void of things present in the other:

- A place of Evil vs a place of Good
- A place of Pain vs a place of Pleasure
- A place of Darkness vs a place of Light!!!!

Again, because of the norm of our existence, it's very difficult to conceptualize such places..., for in this life:

- There's good in the worst person (*coexisting to some extent – grey hues*)
- And likewise, there's evil in the best of people (*coexisting to some extent – grey hues*)

Every human being has experienced the loving kindness of GOD irrespective of how we choose to live. GOD is Great even though we are not. Jesus declares that His Father, "...*makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*" – Matt 5:45

But if a person so chooses to reject Christ, Hell will be his or her eternal and final abode! A place that is ABSOLUTELY Void of Any of GOD's good pleasure..., not even his light to shine for one to view the whole of Hell's eternal abode

- "*For if GOD did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment*" – II Pet 2:4
- "*And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day.*" – Jude 6
- "*Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels'*" – Matt 25:41

The HORROR of this place is the Reality of the VOID of things we take for granted..., hence the goodness of a drop of water [Luke 16:24] which abundantly covered 71% of the past world in which the rich man lived in Luke 16:21-31!

And thus, Hell is a Quarantine VOID of Any of GOD's goodness, presence, or pleasure! A metaphor of this eternal existence took place in Egypt when GOD sent the 9th Plague of Darkness upon the land. The bible declares that the land was So Dark, it could be felt [Ex 10:21-23]! And at the same time, God made a distinction between Egypt and the land where His people dwelt, in that they had light in their dwellings.

Well, if Hell is a place of isolation from any of God's Goodness, then Heaven is likewise a separation from any form of evil, heartache, pain, or such thing.

- The bible declares that "...*God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.*" – Rev 21:4
- The bible declares that "...*God is light and in Him is no darkness at all*" – I John 1:5
- In fact, in Heaven or New Jerusalem, "*The city [has] no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.*" – Rev 21:23
- John describes Heaven as a place where
 - The pure rivers of life flow freely.
 - A place where there is no more curse.
 - A place where those who choose Christ, through the obedience of the Gospel, shall see GOD's face and His name shall be sealed on their foreheads! – Rev 22:1-5

A place Isolated from Any form of EVIL and Displeasure!!!! Heaven is like watching the beauty of wildlife on the National Geographic channel on a HIGH DEFINITION, VIVID, COLOR, FLATSCREEN TV! Seeing the awesomeness of creation from Iceland, to Africa, to the Tropical Rain Forest, to the vast Himalayas and Ocean and plant life!

And so someone says, "*will morally good people who do not obey the Gospel go to hell?*" – This question puts forth a False Assumption that there are Good People! Jesus said, "...*No one is good but One, that is God*" – Mark 10:18

- It's like saying, "*you mean to tell me that I'll die because I did not go the doctor?*" – What's being said is that you'll die because of the virus of sin that's in you and that if you do not come to the Great Physician JESUS, who alone can cure you, then YES, You'll Die in your Sins – John 8:24
- Those who go to hell are going because they ultimately rejected God although
 - He feed them with His goodness every day of their lives
 - Blessed them although they did not deserve to be blessed
 - Gave them joy although they ignored Him
 - Put loved ones and friends in their lives although they hated Him
- Those who go to hell are going because "...*although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*" – Rom 1:21
- Religiously misguided folk will go to hell because they did not obey Him (Matt 7:21-23) and because God did not plant them and/or because they were religiously blind (Matt 15:13-14)
- Those who go to hell are going because they rejected Christ in spite of the fact that
 - God predetermined the time of their existence and the place of their origin here on the earth to give them the best chance and opportunity to seek the Lord that they might be saved! [READ Acts 17:26-27]
- Those who go to hell are going, "*Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord.*" – Prov 1:29