



# The Moment Of Truth

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**W**elcome!  
All are welcome at each and every service. Visitors are considered honored guests. We encourage everyone to follow along and participate in our worship to God, and we invite you to ask any questions you may have.

### What to Expect...

#### Friendliness

You can expect a warm, friendly welcome.

#### Order

You can expect our worship to be with reverence and orderly (I Cor. 14:40).

#### Singing

You can expect congregational singing. Singing is a vital part of our worship. All members of our congregation will blend their voices together in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. The purpose of our songs is to praise God and to teach and admonish one another (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).

#### Giving

As the Bible teaches, we give liberally as God has prospered us, on the first day of the week (I Cor. 16:1-2).

We do not expect our visitors to give since giving is a responsibility of the members of the congregation.

#### Prayer

Prayer is a vital source of strength in a Christian's life.



#### The Lord's Supper

You can expect us to partake of the Lord's Supper on the first day of every week (Sunday).

#### Teaching

You can expect Christ-centered, Bible teaching in our classrooms and pulpit.

#### An Invitation

At the close of each sermon you can expect an invitation to become a Christian. The invitation gives one the opportunity to express their faith in Jesus Christ by repenting of their sins, confessing Christ before men and being buried with the Lord in baptism (cf. Jn. 8:24; Lk. 13:3; Mt. 10:32; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26-27).

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### Meeting Information

*Sunday: Bible Study  
10:00 am*

*Sunday: Worship:  
11:00 am and 5:00 pm*

*Wednesday: Bible Study  
6:45 pm*

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## Eternity with the Devil

I guess people who worship Satan want to spend eternity with him. But have you seriously thought about eternity in hell with the devil? What would it be like?

### Eternal Punishment

After judgment, sinners will be cast into the lake of fire to live with the devil.

- "Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the **second death, the lake of fire**. And if **anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire**" ([Rev. 20:14-15](#)).

This punishment is for eternity, not just for a short while as some religions teach.

- "Then He will also say to those on His left, "Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the **eternal fire** which has been prepared for the devil and his angels"" ([Matt. 25:41](#)).

Anyone who is cast into hell will be there forever. There is no escape from hell, or the punishment of hell.

For me, that's a scary thought I never want to experience!

### Package Deal

Eternity in hell comes as a package deal. Not only are people in hell forced to live with the devil, they also live with the demons and vilest people of earth.

Today we live in a world where Satan is restrained by God. Like in the days of Job, Satan was permitted to go just so far in persecuting him.

But imagine a place where Satan is unrestrained. And imagine that place, not only with Satan running wild, but all the wicked people of earth running wild, able to hurt others to their heart's desire, because God isn't there to stop them.

Imagine eternity with the devil, demons, and the vilest people of earth. Is that where you want to be?

### No Truth

Satan is the father of lies, and there is no truth in him. So, it's reasonable to image hell as a place where there is no truth, other than the reality of punishment.

- "You are of your father the **devil**, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and **does not stand in the truth** because there is **no truth in him**. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for **he is a liar and the father of lies**" ([Jn. 8:44](#)).

Maybe the absence of truth will be part of the pain, since most everyone hates lying more than almost anything. Even habitual liars hate people who lie.

- "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and **all liars**, their part **will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death**" ([Rev 21:8](#)).

### Eternal Separation from God

People who do not obey the gospel

will be punished with eternal separation from God.

- ". . . those who **do not know God** and to those who **do not obey the gospel** of our Lord Jesus. These will **pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord** and from the **glory of His power**" ([2 Th. 1:8-9](#)).

Eternal life with the devil is bad enough, but eternal separation from God is worse.

Can you imagine eternal life without God?

### No Goodness

Eternal life without God would be a life without goodness; everything would be evil and bad.

In heaven there will be "nothing unclean, and no one who practices abomination and lying, shall ever come into it, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life" ([Rev. 21:27](#)).

So in hell, everyone there will be unclean and an abomination.

There will be nothing good. There won't be happiness or joy. We won't feel good about our selves. Life will be utter misery.

### No Love

Eternal life without God would be a life without love.

God is love; Satan is not ([1 Jn. 4:8](#)). Hell is a place of evil and hatred, not a place of love.

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## Test your Bible Knowledge

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### No Faithful Christians

Of course there won't be any faithful Christians in hell, because they're all in heaven.

There won't be the solace brethren provide, and no escape from the torment of eternity in hell.

There will be no assembly of the saints, and no worship of the church. Even if we could worship in hell, it would be vain because God would not be listening.

### Conclusion

Eternity in hell will be worse that we can imagine.

I would suffer through hell if necessary, just to be with God. But it doesn't work that way. To suffer through hell is to suffer away from the presence of God, forever.

Sad, sad, the bitter wail of all who miss heaven.

Let's make sure we all get to heaven, to the day of rejoicing that awaits the saints.

Allen McNabb

**Question:** What are the apocryphal books?

**Answer:** The books of the Bible – sixty-six in number, from Genesis through Revelation – have been subjected to every internal and external test imaginable. Their authenticity and canonicity have been reliably established.

There are other books, however, which some believe should be considered part of the Bible. These books are called the Apocrypha.

### The apocryphal books.

For the most part, when the Apocrypha is mentioned the fourteen or fifteen books of the "Old Testament" are meant. However, there are other writings which are known as the New Testament Apocrypha. The word apocrypha is a Greek word which means hidden. Apocrypha also can have reference to a book whose origin was doubtful or unknown. Apocrypha has come to denote books which are non-canonical. The "Old Testament Apocrypha" are believed to have been written during the period of 200 B.C. to 100 A.D. Some of perhaps the better known are "The Wisdom of Solomon", "The Additions to the Book of Esther", and "The First and Second Maccabees". The "Catholic Bible" often has twelve of these apocryphal books interspersed among and attached to the undisputed thirty-nine books of the Hebrew scriptures, I understand.

**Why the apocryphal books are not considered part of the sacred canon.**

Josephus (uninspired), Jesus, and the apostles obviously did not accept these

books as inspired of God. Later historians such as Origen and Jerome, etc. did not recognize these books as belonging to the Bible.

Beloved, the sixty-six books found in standard translations (such as the King James, American Standard, etc.) have the stamp of authenticity and canonicity. These books are profitable because they constitute scripture (see 2 Tim. 3: 16-17). The Apocrypha is uninspired and not part of the Bible.

### 1. The attitude that the Lord expressed toward divorce was one of:

- a. hatred
- b. tolerance
- c. acceptance
- d. some acceptance and some and hatred

### 2. James and John joined Jesus as disciples:

- a. when Jesus got in the boat
- b. as soon as He saw them
- c. when He called them
- d. because they hated their occupation

**Scriptures:** Malachi 2:16; Matthew 4:21-22

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Answers: 1. a 2. c



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## Memory Verse

**"B**ut when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).

### Select the Correct Answer

1. How many baskets full of pieces were left when Jesus fed the 5000?

- 4
- 12
- 20
- 24

2. Who climbed out of the boat to meet Jesus walking on the water?

- John
- Peter
- James
- Matthew



### Words of Wisdom



*"Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me your law!"*

(Psalm 119:29).

3. What was to happen to the tares/weeds that grew up among the wheat?

- Ground up with the wheat
- Cast into the sea
- Burned up
- Abandoned with the wheat field

4. What did the man find hidden in a field, so that he sold all he had to buy that field?

- A pearl
- A gold chest
- A treasure
- A bag of coins

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*"I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book"*

(Revelation 22:18-19).

