

Isaiah 14:9-11

⁹ "Hell from beneath is excited over you to meet you when you come; It arouses for you the spirits of the dead, all the leaders of the earth; It raises all the kings of the nations from their thrones. ¹⁰ "They will all respond and say to you, 'Even you have been made weak as we, You have become like us. ¹¹ 'Your pomp *and* the music of your harps Have been brought down to Hell; Maggots are spread out *as your bed* beneath you, And worms are your covering.'

These verses were directed about King Nebuchadnezzar; to the then oppressed children of Israel, who were in captivity. Yet, how true it is as well, for each person who leaves this planet and enters into eternity in hell! Is not hell excited over every man, woman and child who misses out on Glory? Hell was never created or intended for man, but for Satan and every fallen angel who followed him. How shuttered with fear and terror each person must be as they pass into eternal damnation, with absolutely no escape for all of time!! Eternity can be compared to a great feast, where on one table is the greatest and most fulfilling meal ever. Yet on the other table is nothing more than plates and bowls of dung, filled with maggots and worms. Why is it that anyone would ever choose anything less than the great feast provided by the Creator? The answer is sin; sin is what blinds mankind from the blessings of eternal bliss with our Savior.

Consider **Proverbs 27:20, Hell and destruction are never full.** Many people are deceived into believing that in hell they will be with their friends and buddies; as if it is some great eternal party. But hell is anything but a party! It is a place of wailing and gnashing of teeth. No one else will be there to comfort you, or to help you through it. It is a place of absolute darkness and despair. The only thing that can save any of us from hell is Jesus Christ!! Look what our Savior said to the Apostle John in Patmos, **Revelations 1:18, 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.** When the Son of God shed His blood and died, He went to hell for three days. But on the third day, hell could not keep our Lord any longer; and when He left, He took with Him all authority and power that hell had over each one of us. Without that authority and power, each one of us is eternally doomed back to that place of damnation. Only the blood of Jesus Christ can pay for our sins; not your good deeds, your gifts of money or charity, or any other act of kindness on your part. No other payment of any kind will be accepted on our part, by our Heavenly Father.

Dear friend, if I am speaking to you today. Then I exhort you by the mercy of God to stop wherever you are, and repent or turn from your wicked and evil ways. Invite Jesus into your life as Savior; and ask Him to forgive you of your sins. Being a Christian is not a promise of a life of ease and freedom from problems. Rather it is an assurance that the only one who can make a difference, is working in your behalf. This is not just a one time prayer, but rather the beginning of a whole new journey where you lay down your life and will to the Savior, who once laid down His for you! Dear friend if you don't, then know for all of time, that this opportunity will haunt you. May God grant you the wisdom, to accept His gift of eternal life!!