

# A Sure Foundation

The beliefs that we build our lives on

### WHATISHELL?

MONTH 8

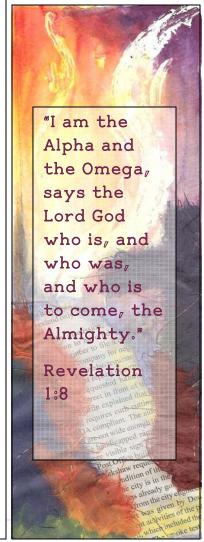
WEEK 3

READ:

Revelation 12-17

We don't preach fire and brimstone anymore, but that does not change the certainty of it. In Revelation we see God again and again giving the opportunity for the terror of the judgments to bring sinful mankind to a saving repentance. But the appeal of that is drastically reduced if we avoid the topic of what we are saved from. We just plain have a problem with hell. We avoid the topic, and "good" people are reluctant to even say the word. To give it thought forces us to deal with the idea that yes, our sweet, loving Father is going to allow people, people that we know and love, to spend a torturous eternity apart from Him. It kind of wrecks our teddy bear image of a God who is more for our comfort and security than to reign as lord of our life. Those who go to hell have no desire to be with God in life, so their wish is granted in death. Whatever the desire on earth will be the "gift" for eternity. Those who want to be under God's rule go to heaven to serve Him in worship forever. Heaven just isn't the place for those who want to be their own master. Satan knew what heaven was like and still didn't want to be there because he wasn't the one calling the shots and getting the glory. So, God granted his wish just as He will also give us what we choose. Whatever we choose in life is our choice for eternity. The pure in heart will see God (Matt. 5:8) because that is their singleminded desire. God will not reveal to us what we do not wish to see. Heaven is for those who adore God, and hell is for those who adore self. Do we desire to live in the light or in the dark? To know of the horror of hell is to have our choice made clear. That's why the rich man wanted to warn his brothers. That's why God gives us glimpses through Scripture. That's why, in our short lifespan, we need to not skirt the issue of hell, for it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

"I know of no one who has overstated the terror of Hell....We are meant to tremble and feel dread. We are meant to recoil from the reality. Not by denying it, but by fleeing from it into the arms of Jesus, who died to save us from it." John Piper



WHO IS SATAN?	
capability to deceive and destroy. We mary of. That is far from the picture that What do we learn about Satan and what	
Mark 4:15	
Luke 10:18	
2 Cor. 12:7	
Rev. 12:7-12	
WHAT IS HELL?	
What is hell like for the rich man in Lucumon.  What are sinners warned to do in Matt.  Who should be feared according to Mat	5:41)ke 16:19-26?
How did Job feel about "destruction fro	m God" in Job 31:23?
	What do we learn about hell from these passages?  Isaiah 14:11
	Isaiah 38:18
	Matt. 25:30
	Hebrew 10:28-29
	Rev. 14:11
	Rev. 21:8
	What did Jesus experience immediately following His death on the cross?

SPIRITUAL WARFARE Rev. 12
We see little of the spiritual battles being waged, though sometimes we are aware of the outcome. In Rev. 12:7-9 we learn of the spiritual warfare between Michael and his angels and Satan and his angels. When Satan was kicked out of heaven, where was he sent?
What kind of spiritual encounter took place in the Garden of Eden? (Gen. 3:1-24)
What kind of spiritual intervention was there in the battle of Jericho in Josh. 5:13-6:27?
How was the Israelite army given spiritual advantage in the battle in Judges 7:1-25?
What spiritual battle took place when Elisha's life was in danger in 2 Kings 6:8-17?
What request did Elisha make on his servant's behalf?
If we made the same request, what would we see?
What does Eph. 1:21 and 6:1-17 enlighten us in about the nature of events in our own life?
What difference does it make for us to see things in this light?
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The quote from John Piper on page 1 is from a sermon he delivered and is available at this site (viewed 7/14/08): <a href="http://www.soundofgrace.com/piper92/06-14-92.htm">http://www.soundofgrace.com/piper92/06-14-92.htm</a> 23 Minutes in Hell by Bill Wiese has a good list of scripture references about hell in the back.



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#### Across

- 1 Luke 16:23 (5)
- 2 taken on those who do not know God 2 Thess. 1:8 (9)
- 4 Isaiah 24:22 (6)
- **5** Ezek. 32:24 (5)
- 6 Deut. 32:22 (4)
- **8** a lake of this Rev. 20:10 (9)
- 10 arose from the pit Rev. 9:2 (5)
- **11** gnashing of these Matt. 13:50 (5)
- 12 the destruction of God causes this Job 31:23 (6)
- 13 nations who \_\_\_\_\_ God turned into hell Ps. 9:17 (6)
- **15** Matt. 13:50 (7)
- **16** dark forever Jude 13 (9)
- **21** doesn't die Mark 9:46 (4)
- 22 without light Ps. 88:6 (8)
- 23 Ezek. 26:20 (8)

### **Down**

- **1** 1 Thess. 4:13 (8)
- 3 punished with \_\_\_\_\_\_ destruction 2 Thess. 1:9 (11)
- **5** Ps. 16:10 (5)
- **6** Ps. 88:5 (9)
- 7 the pit is \_\_\_\_\_ Rev. 9:1 (10)
- **9** belong to the wicked Ps. 32:10 (7)
- **14** Job 33:24 (3)
- **17** found in hell 2 Peter 2:4(6)
- 18 unless you repent Luke 13:3 (6)
- **19** God's wrath Lam. 4:11 (5)
- 20 stench Rev. 18:2 (4)
- 21 the gate to destruction Matt. 7:13 (4)

