

Is eternity just a long sleep

(See question & answers #2 on website)

Satan has convinced many people, or atheists or those that do not know Christ that there is no Hell, all you do when you die is sleep, there is no more. It's just oblivion.

Sleep in the bible and death, died, grave all refer to the same thing.

John 11:11* These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, **Our friend Lazarus sleepeth;** but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.

:12 Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.

:13 **Howbeit Jesus spake of his death:** but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.

When one sleeps in the natural, your oblivious of your surroundings until you awake. BUT when you die or sleep in the bible, you are very much aware of your senses and surroundings.

Luke 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: (you notice God emphasized that the angels carried Lazarus and he went to paradise or Abrahams bosom where he was comforted in peace and according to the rich man in Hell, the beggar had water)

the rich man also died, and was buried; (he didn't give the rich man any fanfare, he just said he died and was buried)

23* And in hell he lift up his eyes, **being in torments,** (in other words he had his five physical senses and could talk and was aware of his surroundings.) and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24* **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.**

25* 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.**

26* 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 from thence.

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

(in other words he felt compassion (without tears) but to no avail.)

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

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

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

31* And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead. (Jesus rose from the dead and how many believe this?) You see, those in Hell, tho they are dead or sleeping they have no water food or comfort of any kind yet Lazarus had water and COMFORT.

Matthew 27:52 **And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,** (these were the ones that were buried in Jerusalem and were in Paradise or Abrahams bosom and Jesus took to Heaven)

53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Since this resurrection of the saints that died before Christ and rose after his resurrection there is no more Abrahams bosom as the saints now go directly to be with our Lord.

2Corinthians 5:8* We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

From testimonies of people who God gave a vision of Hell for the purpose of sharing that there is a REAL HELL, especially by those that are called by his name. (that's right, a lot of religious Christians do not believe in a real Hell because they do not believe the whole word of God is true)

Mt 5:18* For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Anyway, according to these testimonies, Abrahams bosom was used to enlarge Hell to accommodate it's growing numbers. To my knowledge this is not from these testimonies, but rather from some biblical teachers. That everytime a volcano erupts it is making more room in Hell. I have no idea but it sounds possible.

I trust this will help
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