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How can a loving God send people to hell? For those who ask this question, I would begin by asking them several questions. “Do you think that God would force people who hate Him to go to Heaven? Would they want to be there? If God did let unbelievers into Heaven, it would be a terrible experience and eternity for them.

Rob Shiflet states:

“How could people who hate prayer and praise to God stand to hang out in a palace of prayer and praise for the rest of eternity? If they squirm in church, how much worse would they wiggle in Heaven? Heaven is where people bow to worship God. He won’t force people to go who don’t want to worship him-people who would rather hate him or ignore him like they have in this life.”

You see, God allows people to live with their choices and won’t force anyone to be with Him in eternity if they don’t want to (John 3:36; 5:40). Hell is the place where a very patient God (2 Pet. 3:19) sends those who refuse receive Christ as Savior (John 3:36) or those who ignore the light of His creation and suppress the truth about His existence (Rom. 1:18-20). In these cases, God says, “Okay, have it your way!”

In this study, we will discover that people in hell does not disprove God’s love. An unsaved person may approach you and say, “Hey-if God is so

totally loving, your friends want to know why he made a place where people will be separated from him forever. And why does he send people to such a terrible place?" People without Christ commonly raise this question because they object to the God of the Bible on the grounds that He is so unfair. It's also a question that is rooted in an inflated view of man and a deflated view of God.

These are some of the reasons why a person would normally ask this question. In their way of thinking, if God is an all-loving God, then He should not allow someone to suffer in the Lake of Fire for all eternity? Because of this conclusion some teach the doctrine of *annihilationism* which says that the lost will be eliminated or cease to exist. Others teach *universalism*, which says that in the end, a God of love will save everybody and we will all become one bunch of happy survivors on the shore of Heaven.

People have a problem reconciling God's love with the eternal punishment of the lost. If God judges people then He would seem to be a monstrous God without any feelings, sympathy or expressions of love. People will use this argument to try and oppose Christianity and teach their own philosophies that run contrary to Biblical revelation.

We must understand that people who ask this question have a distorted picture of God. They only view God's character as being one-sided. Furthermore, they see God acting in an irrational way if He were to send people to Hell for all eternity, since He is to be a God of love and compassion. They assume that if God sends people to hell, He is acting like a schoolboy on the playground, who irrationally punches another boy in the stomach. In other words, the boy acts without reason. The point is this, those who disbelieve that God would send people to hell have created a one-sided and lopsided God in their own minds, which never would bring eternal harm upon any person. They reason that if God is a God of love then He could never act irrationally against His character of love and damn people to a hell that was filled with fire, brimstone, and suffering.

This human reasoning is illogical because God's eternal character does not only consist of love, it's also reflects holiness and justice. The liberals with

their universalistic teaching always forget this. In their funeral eulogies they always talk about God's love and inevitably place every person in Heaven, even if the fellow was a drunkard who beat his wife all his life and lived like the devil himself.

The old evangelist Oliver B. Green used to say:

"It is a shame to bring these kind of people in the church and put them before God's sacred desk, who have cursed God all of their lives and sinned to the highest heaven. He said that you might as well tie Budweiser cans on the old bird and bury him in the ground!"

My friend, God is not only a God of love but He is also a God of holiness and righteousness that must judge sin. This is the other side of God that the liberal or modernistic preacher forgets.

Psalm 145:17 says:

"The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works."

Righteousness and holiness is part of God's being and inevitably become part of His actions. This means that God must act in righteousness and holiness against sinners who have offended Him and His holy ways. God not only acts as a God of love but also as a God of holiness and righteousness. If He would not, He would cease from being God.

1 John 1:5

"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all."



God is pure light or of pristine purity and holiness. There is no trace of sin and darkness in Him. God is loving but God is also just and holy. Would you be happy for a child molester to not go to jail? Should God say about Hitler, "Well, boys

will be boys"? Of course not. God is just and righteous and must judge sin and sinners. The question is not how bad do you have to be to go to Hell

but that we are all bad and have transgressed God's moral law (Rom. 3:23; 10-12). We must remember that evil lies in the core of each person's being (Rom. 5:12) and that sin separates us from a holy God (Isa. 59:2). Only as we understand the cross of Christ can we understand the extent of the evil within us (Isa.53:5-6, 11-12; 1 Pet. 2:24) and why God needs to judge us as sinner. The good news is that Jesus paid for our sin by taking it upon Himself, experiencing God's wrath in our place and dying on the cross.

The End Time vision of Revelation 20:11 reveals God's justice:

"And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them."

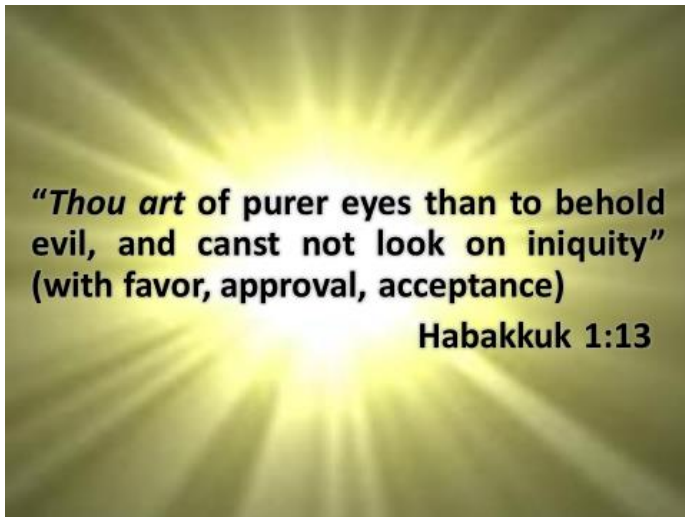
The final judgment scene, when the lost are sentenced for their eternal punishment in the Lake of Fire, depicts Christ sitting on a Great White Throne. White is the color that represents purity or holiness and suggests that Jesus Christ will judge sinners because He is a holy and righteous God. Jesus will also judge lost sinners by His own holy standards and perfection. A holy God cannot condone sin. He must judge sin. And the white throne, which represents the righteousness of God's judgment, will be unleashed upon the wicked in their final sentencing to an everlasting hell. Mark it down, God's judgments are always holy and right.

Revelation 16:5-7 also defend God's righteous wrath and judgment:

"And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments."

How can God's judgments be true and righteous? It's because He is absolutely righteous and holy in all that He does. This is what many people forget or blindly ignore when they ask this question, "How can a loving God can send people to hell?" They frame the question in such a way so that it completely ignores the other side of God's character. Let's ask this question in a different way. Why must God send people to hell? It's because He is absolutely holy and righteous in His being and must judge sin in order to vindicate or uphold His own character of perfection, impeccable holiness,

and unflawed righteousness. God cannot overlook sin without bringing judgment against that sin.



The principle behind Habakkuk 1:13 cannot go unnoticed: "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity ..."
God is so infinitely holy that He can never look upon sin with favor. This means He cannot bypass sin and shrug it off. Furthermore, the fact that God is loving does not mean that He loves everything!

People who ask this question about a loving God sending people to hell have forgotten that God is also a God of wrath who must eventually act upon sin because of His holiness and righteous character.

John MacArthur comments:

"When we understand our sin properly, in terms of the righteous Lord it offends, we can appreciate the necessity of hell. And more than that, we stand amazed that we don't all wind up there. From that perspective, the question isn't 'How can a loving God send people to hell?' but 'Why doesn't God give us all the due punishment for our sin and send everyone to hell?'"

God hates sin and therefore must judge it and the sinner who does not receive the free offer of His forgiveness. The idea is that sinful acts inherently deserve to be punished or "paid-back" in order to balance the scales of God's divine justice.

Romans 2:5

"But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God."

God is a God of wrath. Lost mankind is pictured as piling up sins and creating a record of sins before a holy God that cannot go unchecked.

Because of all these sins a holy God must express His wrath upon the lost in a future judgment. The unsaved will experience the wrath and righteous judgment of God because of the legal record of their own sins before God.

The Bible also says that lost mankind is presently under the wrath of God because of their sin. God's wrath hovers over the lost and is waiting to be unleashed upon them when they die the sinner's death without Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in John 3:36:

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

A holy God must bring His wrath against people because of the sin that these people have committed against Him and His holy nature. God's righteous wrath is stimulated or aroused by the unrighteous acts of mankind. God's wrath is even being meted out against ungodly sinners in some measure even today. God's wrath is presently being revealed in some measure in our world of sin and ungodliness.

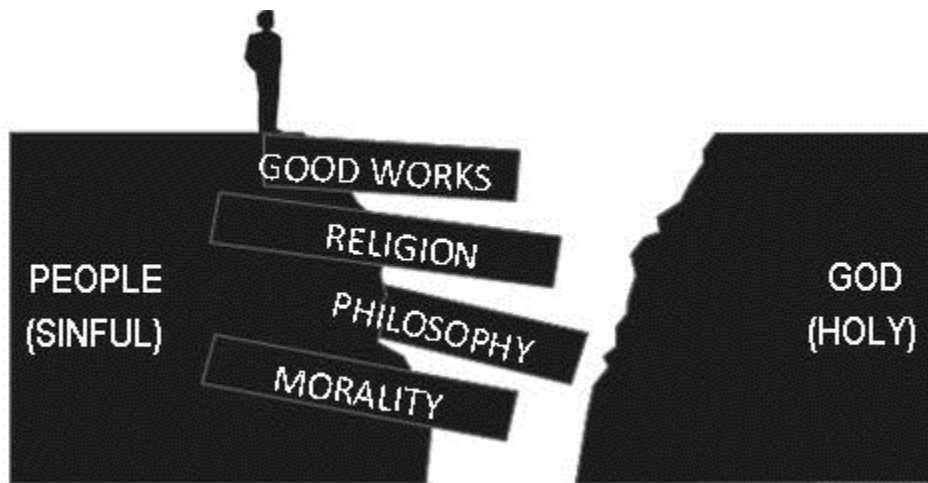
Romans 1:18 says:

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."

The tense of the verb means that God's wrath "is being" revealed even today. But how is God's wrath revealed today? One answer is given in the context. God gives men over to uncleanness (1:24), to vile affections (1:26), and to a reprobate mind (1:28). But it is also true that God occasionally breaks through into human history to show His extreme displeasure at man's sin. The Genesis Flood (Gen. 7) and the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19) serve as fitting examples of God's wrath being displayed even today. Even the loss of one's sexual identity is a present-day judgment upon people (Rom. 1:24-27).

People who ask how a loving God can send people to hell have forgotten about the nature of those people who God is sending to hell. They are sinners that have offended the impeccable holiness of God. Romans 3:23 says that we have fallen short of representing the moral glory of God. They

have been estranged from the moral perfections of a holy God. They do not meet the standard of the light of God's purity (1 John 1:5).



Since we have all broken God's moral law and fallen short of God's perfection, He must judge sinners. He must punish sinners and in the end banish them from His presence. This is because God cannot accept sin and sinners in His presence without violating the nature of who He is and therefore disqualify Him from being an inherently holy God. Therefore, the only solution outside of Jesus Christ is to separate sinners "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord..." (2 Thess. 1:10).



When those who ask this question and talk about “people” going to hell, they have the humanistic idea that man is basically good and that he is not responsible for his actions. “How could God send people to hell?” They conclude by saying, “After all, it’s not our fault we are the way that we are and do what we do.” They conclude that people are born with genetic deficiencies or certain physical drives and as a result, they are not responsible for their own actions. After all, we are just a higher animal in the evolutionary chain. We are still progressing into a more sophisticated existence. Somehow many people excuse themselves from being sinners.

Mankind also concludes that when he is put on the scales and compares himself with others, who are much worse than him, that he is basically a good person and does not deserve eternal punishment in hell. Somehow God will in the end find out that “people” are basically good people.

Many want to think that God is like our own humanitarian and tolerant society in which we live today where punishment is frowned upon and the “greater good” of people is always seen. But we must remember that God does not view mankind in this way. God does not see the greater good in people. This is because there is no greater good in people to look at! When viewed from God’s standard of perfection and absolute holiness and righteousness, there is no righteous person on earth.

Romans 3:10-12

“As it is written, There is none righteous (*that meet the perfect and impeccable standard of God’s righteousness*), no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.”

My friend, God does not send *good* people to hell as so many suggest or imply because of their humanistic background. God sends *sinners* to hell! They are sinners who have offended His holiness and deserve every bit of their punishment for “the wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23). Many will try and put God on the spot or hot seat by asking such a question as this – “How can a loving God send people to hell?” And they do so thinking that man is basically good and should not be punished for his sin, unless a person is a Hitler, terrorist, or serial killer. But according to God, not one

person is good. Every individual is absolutely bad and totally depraved in all of his life and actions.

Another point that people forget about God, when they ask this sarcastic question, is that God has already shown His love to the world of mankind. He is a God of love! Why would you even question the fact that God might not love people?

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Those who question God’s love because He punishes the lost have forgotten that God has already expressed His love to the lost human race by providing a way to escape His righteous wrath and holy actions against sin. As we bring God’s complete character together we can arrive at this Biblical conclusion. A loving God will not send any person to Hell. But a righteous and holy God, whose wrath is aroused by sin, will send people to hell. A loving God has already provided a way to escape eternal punishment in hell through His Son Jesus Christ (John 6:47). But when the way of salvation is refused a righteous and holy God will send people to hell.

In addition, since love and righteousness are part of God’s eternal character the two cannot be separated. God cannot be split in half. Both the love and righteousness of God are welded together into one beautiful harmonious expression of what God is like in His existence. Since love always rejoices in the truth (1 Cor. 13:6), then it only makes sense that true love, as it is expressed by the perfect God, must also respond to what is right and do what is right. That’s why a loving God can also judge sinners in hell. It’s because the character of love is such that it must respond to what is right. And this love is inseparably tied to the righteous and truthful character of God.

Our culture defines a “loving God” as a completely non-confrontational being who tolerates anything we want to do. In doing this, they create their own god without coming face to face with the true God of Scripture. First John 4:16 says that “God is love” in His very essence or being and perfectly

portrays love in everything that He does. Since God is love, we should never question His love, in spite of what the would-be scoffers say or think. To claim that God is unloving for judging people in hell is to question God's eternal being and integrity. It means that we set ourselves up as being more loving than God Himself. In one sense, we become God's judge and jury and close the door of revelation regarding who God really is in His eternal nature and being.

On the one hand, the nature of true love is to not overlook sin but to face it. In God's case, He must judge it for love "Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth" (1 Cor. 13:6). God not only loves sinners but loves purity and holiness. Therefore, a loving God will need to judge all sin. On the other hand, the side of love which is sacrificial and giving is also expressed in the gracious provision and sacrifice of Christ for lost sinners (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8). So both actions of sacrifice and judgment stem from the true meaning and expression of love.

Simply stated, love has two sides. One side is rejoicing and approving what is truthful and right and therefore reacting to what is wrong in judgment, the other side of love is sacrificial in nature (grace and mercy), reacting to those in need. Both aspects of love are expressed by the same God which possesses the pure nature and true character of true love. One side of God's love demands truth, purity, and justice (Phil. 1:9-10). Love hates and detests sin. The other side of God's love expresses grace and sacrifice (John 3:16). So, the God of the Bible expresses both sacrificial love, as seen upon the cross, and the righteous action of judgment at the same time, since a God of love must by nature only love purity, despise sin, and punish wicked sinners in hell for all eternity.



So how can a loving God send people to hell? In summary, the question that people ask about God is framed in such a way that it presupposes that mankind might be good and not deserve hell. It is constructed in such a way to paint the picture that man is not so bad

and deserving of hell's judgment. It also blindly forgets that God is not one-sided in His character or being. He is not only a God who expresses His love sacrificially, but also a God of love, who reacts positively to what is right, holy, and righteous, but also negatively to what is unholy. This means that God must judge sin to uphold His own character and vindicate His purity, as the absolutely perfect God.

People also forget that God's wrath and the loving expression of His mercy were seen in the cross of Christ where Jesus became the mediator between sinful mankind and a holy God.

Titus 3:5

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

On the cross Jesus suffered the wrath of God that required punishment for sin because of God's holiness. There on the cross Jesus also became a satisfying sacrifice offered up to God, a sacrifice that could satisfy God's holiness and appease His wrath toward those lost sinners who would accept His provision of salvation. This is mercy! 1 John 2:1-2 declares: "And he is the propitiation (satisfying sacrifice) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." But Jesus also suffered upon the cross displaying the love of God for lost souls even while God's justice and holiness were being satisfied. 1 John 4:10 states: "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation (satisfying sacrifice) for our sins." This too is mercy!

The cross was the meeting place where God's entire character of love and righteous wrath could be fully displayed. While Jesus hung on the cross, as the perfect sacrifice for sin, the holiness and righteousness of God could be vindicated or upheld and His love could also be displayed by providing the way of salvation for lost humanity. God's love and His perfect righteous standard were joined together while Jesus hung on the cross. God's loving mercy and righteousness in one sense kissed each other when Jesus died for you and me upon the cross. Psalm 85:10 speaks about this.



How can a loving God send people to hell? The understanding of the word “send” should not be applied to this question since God has given human beings freedom to participate in their life choices and eternal destinations (John 3:16–18). However, the way this question is worded implies that, if anyone goes to hell, it is the result of God’s unilateral and biased action, and the person being sent to hell is like a passive victim. Such an idea completely disregards the personal responsibility God has entrusted to each of us.

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

People ask many questions as they try to malign or slander the character and works of God among the human race. For instance, they might ask, “Why would a loving God even allow sin to come into the human race if He was going to end up judging those who sin?” This question infers that God is responsible for man sinning. The Bible does teach that God is in control but it does not teach that He has created man as a machine so that man is not responsible for his actions.

The Bible does not teach the theology of determinism or fatalism. God's knowledge of what will take place does not presuppose that He actually forces a person to sin and that God somehow becomes responsible for sin. This is a heresy of the worst sort. Man is responsible for his own sin (James 1:14). Adam and Eve took the fruit and ate it. God did not take the fruit and give it to them or force it down their throats. Man has a free will and God makes man responsible for his own sin.

Isaiah 53:6

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

Then people will ask the question, "Why doesn't God just let everyone off the hook? The answer to this question is obvious. It's because we are responsible for our own sins and God is always committed to doing what is right which means He must judge sin and sinners. Genesis 18:25 asks a rhetorical question: "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" And what is right? In mercy, God reaches out in patience wanting to save us (2 Pet. 3:9). In wrath, He must judge us as unrepentant sinners. God cannot let us off since He cannot do anything inconsistent with His righteousness nature. God cannot overlook sin. He is holy and righteous in His eternal being and cannot bypass sin.

John Benton once said:

"There is something far worse than sinners going to hell and that is a God who is no longer committed to justice."

To imply that God should not punish sin is to say that sin does not matter. And to say that sin does not matter is to say that God's holiness does not matter. It gives the notion that God's holiness is not important. It is saying that God must no longer be committed to right and can now condone wrong. Logically, this notion asks God to become an evil God and become like Satan who is not committed to doing what is absolutely right. Of course, this is something that God cannot do. The punishment of sinners is terrible. But there is something far more terrible than all of this. It is the prospect of an evil God!

My friend, the God of love has done everything that He can to save us, apart from throwing away His justice! But sinful and depraved mankind wants to wreck God by making Him an evil God who can forget about holiness and overlook sin, refusing to judge it. Of course, God will not change in His character or eternal being for any person or for any reason. Malachi 3:6 records: "For I *am* the LORD, I change not ..." Hebrews 13:8 states that "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

Don't you question God's character of love just because He sends people to hell. God has bent over backward to save the souls of lost humanity from ending up in hell. He sent His only Son to die on the cross so His love and justice could meet together at the cross. And then He waits for you to repent in this life so that you might be saved.

2 Peter 3:9 says:

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

Jesus said in Luke 13:34:

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!"



Jesus is pictured as a mother hen trying to gather her young under her wing. If this is not an expression of love, then I have never seen one. Jesus loved the souls in Jerusalem and wanted them to be saved and placed under the saving wing of His loving care and safety. But the

people spurned the love of the Savior. They went their own way and refused to accept His offer of salvation. The love of Jesus was expressed to

them but they refused to receive the gift of His love and amazing grace which was salvation.

In Seattle, a 14-year old boy was found guilty of first degree murder and of five counts of robbery and one of attempted robbery. The Superior Court Judge, Charles Z. Smith, broke down and wept as he sentenced the boy. It is most unusual for a judge to weep over his cases. Well, Jesus also wept over the lost condition of Jerusalem. When he realized the fate of lost people, it broke His heart.

Luke 19:41 says:

“And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it.”

Jesus wept as He saw the city given to sin and how they had missed the Messiah and His offer of salvation. He wept because of their rejection and lost opportunity to be saved. The tears of Jesus assure us of several things. First, they suggest that Jesus loves everybody and wants everybody to be saved, even as He wept over the entire city of Jerusalem, wanting every person in the city to be saved. Second, the tears of Jesus teach us that He has deep sympathy for the lost. Third, the tears of Jesus suggest that if you persist in your rejection of His salvation and grace, then you will suffer the consequences for your sin, which is hell. You will be without remedy. You will be lost forever.

Jesus weeps because He foresees the future of those who reject Him. He sees them burning in hell for all eternity. Jesus is not crying over their annihilation. He is crying over their damnation in hell for all eternity. Jesus foresees people in hell and weeps for them. As He contemplates the scene of judgment the tears flowed down his cheeks. I wonder if we have this kind of burden for the lost today who are all around us. It would do us well to shed some tears for souls who are going to hell for all eternity! Lord of the harvest, send me that I might weep for some poor lost sinner and see him saved from hell.

“Going forth with weeping,
Sowing for the Master,
Tho’ the loss sustained our spirit often grieves;

When our weeping's over,
He will bid us welcome,
We shall come rejoicing,
Bringing in the sheaves."

Yes, Jesus was crying over the lost souls of men. Yes, God was crying! Do you know why? It's because He wants to save the souls that are not saved and deliver them from God's wrath because of their unforgiven sins. He wants to see people accept the salvation that He freely offers to them (Rev. 22:17). To miss the salvation that Christ offers to you breaks the very heart of God. Don't tell me that God does not love you or that God is not a loving God just because He sends people to hell. God sheds tears over poor lost sinners doomed to an everlasting hell! There was no greater love displayed in all the world than that love which God expressed to a lost human race, when He left Jesus die on the cross for those who were actually His enemies.

Romans 5:6-8

"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Imagine the love that God has demonstrated toward a lost human race who are His enemies, going their own way in sin, and who had offended His holy nature and righteous being. My friend, God loved you in spite of your sin! He loved His enemies! And He died for you upon a tree taking all of your sin and judgment upon Himself. That is love. It is amazing love! The hymnwriter said, "Amazing love! How can it be? That thou, my God, shouldst die for me!"

Don't come to me with your questions designed to attack God's character of love just because He sends people to hell. If you go to hell and suffer for all eternity, it's not because a loving God will send you there. It's because a righteous God must send you there to uphold his own holy and righteous character. Once again, God would become an evil God, if He would fail to respond to sin with His righteous judgment.



The point is this, God's love is not in question. What is in question is your rejection of God's love! Someone once remarked that it would be no surprise to find the entranceway leading into hell in the shape of a cross. My friend, if you die and go to hell you will have to jump over the cross and the love of God to get there. And you will be thrust into an eternal Lake

of Fire someday all because you turned your back on God's amazing love. The Lord Jesus is trying to gather you under His wing of salvation and protection. He wants to save you today.

The way of the cross leads home (to Heaven) but rejection of the cross leads to a burning hell. And Jesus bore your hell and punishment on the cross so you don't have to go there. Galatians 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree." Jesus was cursed in your place, judged by the Father, taking your hell upon Himself so that you might be saved from this awful fate.



The story has been told of pioneers who were making their way across one of the central states to a distant place that had been opened up for homesteading. They traveled in covered wagons drawn by oxen, and progress was necessarily slow. One day they were horrified to note a long line of smoke in the west, stretching for miles across the prairie, and soon it was evident that the dried grass was burning fiercely and coming toward them rapidly. They had crossed a river the day before but it would be impossible to go back to that before the flames would be upon them. One man only seemed to have understanding as to what could be done. He gave the command to set fire to the grass behind them. Then when a space was burned over, the whole company moved back upon it.

As the flames roared on toward them from the west, a little girl cried out in terror, "Are you sure we shall not all be burned up?" The leader replied, "My child, the flames cannot reach us here, for we are standing where the fire has been!"

What a picture of the believer, who is safe in Christ!

"On Him Almighty vengeance fell,
Which would have sunk a world to hell.
He bore it for a chosen race,
And thus becomes our Hiding Place."

The fires of God's judgment burned themselves out on Him, and all who are in Christ are safe forever, for they are now standing where the fire has already been!

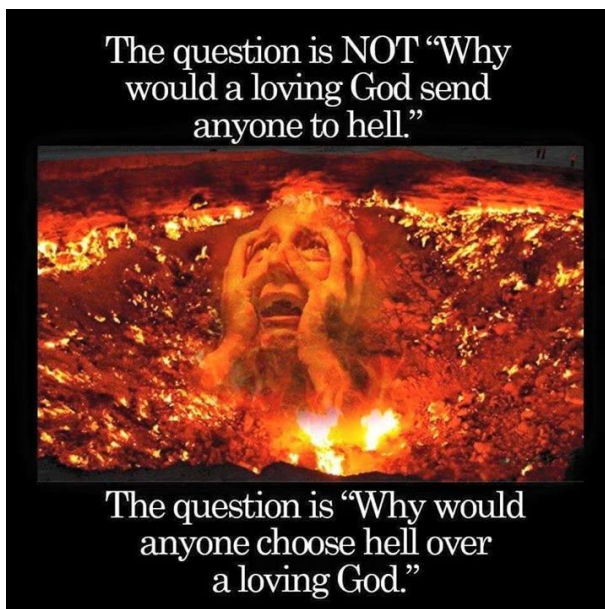
The tears of our loving Savior, shed for lost people, have been recorded in God's bottle of remembrance (Psalm 56:8). Jesus loves poor lost sinners! Jesus is the friend of sinners (Luke 7:34). So don't bring your theories to me that suggest God is not a God of love. People will be burning in hell for all eternity and God will be the same in His character as He always was, a God of love, but also a God of holiness and perfect righteousness who never changes. Malachi 3:6 once again declares: "For I am the LORD, I change not."



How can a loving God send people to hell? The answer to this question is simple. A God of sacrificial love who offers salvation to you cannot send you to hell and will not send you to hell (John 3:16). But a God of absolute holiness, righteousness and justice will send you to hell. This is the other side of God's character and is really the other side of God's love, which must always respond to truth and purity. But holiness and righteousness it's the side of God's character that man forgets. God is not only love; He is perfect justice as well. Justice requires adequate payment for crimes committed. The only just punishment for high treason against our perfect Creator is eternal separation from Him. To excuse our sin would require God to be less than just, and to allow sin-tainted human beings to enter His perfect Heaven which would render this place less than perfect (Rev. 21:8).

This why only the perfect Son of God who was without sin (Heb. 9:14) could go to the cross in our place. Only His perfect blood that was shed on the cross was an acceptable payment for the giant sin debt we each owe God (Colossians 2:14). When we refuse to believe on Jesus Christ and therefor receive Him as our personal substitute, we must pay the penalty or price for our sin by ourselves (Romans 6:23).

God gave us the freedom to choose how we respond to Him. To give us no option but obedience instead of disobedience would be a violation of our free will. Because God honors our autonomy, He will never violate our choice regarding our eternal destiny (Rev. 22:17).



Jesus said in John 5:40
“And ye will not come to me,
that ye might have life.”

Someone wrote:

“There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, ‘Thy will be done,’ and those to whom God says, in the end, ‘Thy will be done.’ All that are in Hell, choose it.”

People can't deal with God. They cannot understand God. This is why many reject the fact that God will send people to hell. But that still does not change the fact that God will send you to hell if you reject His gracious and loving provision of salvation in this life. And after you are in hell, it will be too late to be saved. Yes, it will be too late! Think what it means to be lost forever! Don't doubt God's love or bypass the love He has for you today. The love of God is reaching out to you. Jesus promised in John 6:37, "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." Express your faith in Christ today and He will give you eternal life and save you from hell forever.

“Wonderful love that rescued me,
Sunk deep in sin,
Guilty and vile as I could be,
No hope within;
When every ray of light had fled,
O glorious day!
Raising my soul from out the dead,
Love found a way.

Love bro't my Savior here to die,
On Calvary,
For such a sinful wretch as I,
How can it be?
Love bridged the gulf twixt me and heav'n,
Taught me to pray;
I am redeemed, set free, forgiv'n,
Love found a way.

Love found a way to redeem my soul,
Love found a way that could make me whole;
Love sent my Lord to the cross of shame,
Love found a way,
O praise His holy name!”