



Sermon Notes

Topic: How can a loving God send people to Hell

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Bible Passage: Ezekiel 33: 1-11

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Study Guide Overview

- God can “wield the sword” of judgement anyway He wants (v1-2)
- But, we always get a choice in the outcome (v3-5)
- His only desire is to destroy evil, not us (v8)
- In fact, God delights in saving us (v10-12)
- But also giving us the responsibility to share God’s saving love (v9)

Small Group Questions/Discussions

Job thought he had the “right” to question God – how did that turn out? Look up the bible reference of God’s reply to his questioning. Why is it important to ask questions of God with humility and respect? In our relationship with God, we need to accept our position of weakness – How does this change the tone of our question “How can a loving God send people to Hell?”

Why does God give us the ability to choose? What is the downside? Whenever God is about to bring judgement, there is always an opportunity for the people to repent and be saved from pain. Does this help us understand the question that we are asking? How would explain your answer to a non-Christian friend – God doesn’t send people to hell, but As we know, choice comes with consequences. What would our world be like if consequences were ignored? How does this help when it comes to accusing God of not acting in love?

What would life be like if all evil and wickedness was removed? To defeat evil there must be judgement – do you agree? What is the good news about judgement? *God’s plan is to separate his children from the power of evil for an eternity – so He made a way where evil could no longer have any influence on us or our future. Christ set us free. God’s only desire is to destroy evil once and for all – not us.* Do you agree? Is this how you’ve understood judgement in the past – why is it actually something to celebrate?

Read v10-12. God delights in saving us. God takes no delight in judgment – but is necessary to defeat evil. What is your response? Does this truth change in anyway how you see the love of God?

Read verse 6 and verse 9 – what responsibility do we have once we have been set free from the consequences of our choices?

What has God revealed to you today – What truth has taken hold of you? Try again to answer your non-Christian friend’s question – “How can a loving God send people to hell”