

## Outline 12

# A Baseball Owner's Theology of Hell (If God Is Good, Can Hell Be Forever?)

I. A popular teaching about hell has greatly misrepresented God's character. It is necessary to understand three components to get a true picture of God on this subject.

A. SIN: "the \_\_\_\_\_ of sin is death." **ROMANS 6:23 (1089)**

1. Death is not a \_\_\_\_\_ : wages are earned.
2. The death which is eternal is called "the \_\_\_\_\_ death." **REVELATION 2:11 (1175)**
3. Eternal life is possible only by a \_\_\_\_\_ with God through Jesus. **1 JOHN 5:11, 12 (1171)**
4. To continue to choose sin instead of God will ultimately sever our connection to our Divine \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ system.

B. PARENTHOOD: Jesus portrayed God as a loving \_\_\_\_\_ .  
**MATTHEW 7:9-11 (940)**

1. Good parents discipline their children but do not punish them in anger.
2. Hell is not an angry God \_\_\_\_\_ punishing His children for their few years of rebellion against Him on this earth.

C. CALVARY: Jesus' ultimate demonstration of sin's ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ .

1. Jesus took the blame for all our sins. **ISAIAH 53:5, 6 (710)**
2. On the cross Jesus felt \_\_\_\_\_ by His Father.  
**MARK 15:34 (987)**
3. Jesus volunteered to take the sinner's place and die the second death—be \_\_\_\_\_ from His Father for eternity so that all who trust Him might never have to die this death.

II. What is the Bible truth about Hell?

A. Hell will involve \_\_\_\_\_ as a cleansing agent, but fire is not the ultimate issue. **2 PETER 3:9-12 (1167)**

B. Hell will be on planet \_\_\_\_\_ .  
**REVELATION 20:14, 15 (1189)**

C. Jesus' reference to the " \_\_\_\_\_ fire" to which the devil and the wicked will be subjected has been greatly misunderstood and misapplied. **MATTHEW 25:41 (962)**

1. Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by " \_\_\_\_\_ fire." **JUDE 7 (1173)**
2. In the Bible, "eternal/everlasting fire" means that the " \_\_\_\_\_ of the fire are eternal, not that the \_\_\_\_\_ of burning will be eternal.

D. Jesus' reference to "the fire that shall never be quenched" refers to a fire that can't be \_\_\_\_\_ before it has accomplished its purpose, even as it destroyed Jerusalem two millennia ago.  
**MARK 9:43 (979); JEREMIAH 17:27 (748)**

E. Hell means total and final \_\_\_\_\_ into nonexistence.

1. The wicked will become \_\_\_\_\_ .  
**MALACHI 4:1-3 (931)**
2. Lucifer's ultimate fate: He "shall \_\_\_\_\_ forever."  
**EZEKIEL 28:18, 19 (831)**

F. Hell is not about the scorching of the fire; it is about \_\_\_\_\_ from the Father.

G. God is pictured as \_\_\_\_\_ over His rebel children.  
**HOSEA 11:8 (880); MATTHEW 23:37 (960)**

H. God's character of eternal love is vindicated in the Bible teaching about Hell.

*ANSWERS: (I) A: wages; A-1: punishment; A-2: second; A-3: relationship; A-4: life-support; B: Father; B-2: forever; C: consequence; C-2: forsaken; C-3: separated (II) A: fire; B: Earth; C: everlasting; C-1: eternal; C-2: results, process; D: extinguished; E: annihilation; E-1: ashes; E-2: be no more; F: separating; G: weeping)*