

## IS HELL A MYTH?

**YOU** tell me hell is a Myth: how do you **KNOW**?

I want **ASSURANCE** in a matter of this nature. Do you expect me to accept **YOUR** bare statement? How long have you lived? What personal information have you received? How far have you penetrated? Pardon me if I speak too plainly, but I cannot be so **CREDULOUS** as to believe anything merely because you say it. I want **SOMETHING MORE RELIABLE** than the word of a man like myself. It is dangerous to try and persuade me without one word of proof?

"Is Hell a Myth?" There are many who would **LIKE** to think it is, and, may be, the wish is father to the thought. There are actions in life which cannot be entirely **FORGOTTEN**, and the heart would persuade itself, "There is no judgment." But hundreds of years ago it was written, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God," as **IF HE TRIED TO MAKE HIMSELF BELIEVE THIS**. There are many who wish to get rid of hell, but can they?

"Is Hell a Myth?" Am I only a lump of matter?—Although the bounty of nature has been bestowed on me: although I have a position above much else in nature:—although I know and feel myself accountable :—after all, do you tell me that there is no "afterwards" to deal with the inequalities of the present world? I **CANNOT BELIEVE YOU** while there are so many mercies in nature, revealing One Who knows what He is doing: mercies are not blind chance. **THERE IS ONE WHO LOVES**. I cannot believe you, moreover, while there are also so many hints of **RETRIBUTION** in nature. There is a future reality of which they are hints. In vain you deny hell, unless you have some infinitely stronger "proofs" than hitherto. And these you cannot find.

"Is Hell a Myth?" Life, it may be, has many disappointments to you, and you see thwarted hopes,

and feel the dissatisfaction of a soul without Christ, and dream that this earthly span is all. **Yea, YOU CALL THIS YOUR HELL. BUT DESIRES ARE NOT EVIDENCES.** **YOU** are building on a dream: is it wise? What if you are building on a lie?—And such it is.

"Is Hell a Myth?" Ah, we have something beyond the moral hints of nature, and history, and it is our responsibility to bring this testimony to you, dear reader. Hell **MIGHT** seem a myth, if there were no Bible with its amazing credentials, no Lord Jesus Christ with His remarkable work, to meet the deepest need of a broken sinner. But while the assailed Book stands, and while the words and work of Christ endure, with all earnestness would we say, "**HELL IS NOT A MYTH!**"

The Scripture tells of judgment **THROUGHOUT**. God is **NOT** flattering men. He does not mislead, that men may take their vain "chance." He tells of a way of salvation, but only One, and apart from that way, **HELL IS A REALITY**. To be silent is to be cruel: to amuse you is to murder: the **TRUTH** must be told.

Ah, dear reader, is Hell a Myth, when Christ has said, "Depart from Me ye cursed, into everlasting fire," and "These shall go away into everlasting punishment!" If you deny His Words, and make Him a liar, you only add sin to sin. Hell is before us in Scripture from beginning to end. God spake in the song of Moses of a fire that would burn to the lowest hell (Deut. 32. 22): and the Revelation of Jesus Christ contains the solemn message, "The smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night" (Rev. 14. 11). Hell is not a Myth.

You ask us to laugh with you. Can you expect it if we believe this? Do you wish us to have a concert for you, and a billiard room, to brighten your path on the way to hell? No, Satan still wants "Christians" to come down to worldly methods that men may infer they cannot think there is a hell. 'Tis part of his plan to blind the minds, and lull men to sleep. But whom shall we believe?—A Twentieth Century Christendom **OR CHRIST**? Ah, dear reader, we turn to Him.

Blessed be God, there is a real **CONTRAST**. **SALVATION IS NOT A MYTH**. Redeemed ones are made "to sit together in **HEAVENLY** places in Christ Jesus." It is wonderful. Grace reigns through righteousness, and through the blood of the Lord Jesus sins are removed as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103. 12). And if, in His mercy, you feel your need of Him, and, trembling, seek God's One **ARK** of safety, **IT IS NOT YET CLOSED**. The door is open. The sword of God is not yet bathed in blood. It met the Lord Jesus (Zech. 13. 7), that the people left of the sword might still find **GRACE**. And what if you desire to be among such? Ah, show me the broken-hearted sinner, **TO WHOM**

**CHRIST HAS SAID "NAY."** **YOU CANNOT.** Is not **THAT** good news for you, dear troubled reader? **SALVATION IS FREE TO-DAY.**