

REVELATION: Lesson 139
Chapter 14:11, The Smoke of their Torment

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In our last lesson, we saw how the smoke of God's glory filled the Tabernacle and the Temple, and how God's Holy Ghost filled believers. Today we will look at another kind of smoke at the opposite end of the spectrum; the smoke of the torment of those who open their eyes in hell fire because of their unbelief.

Torture: pain and suffering inflicted from without.

Torment: pain and suffering inflicted from within. Deep anguish; the utmost degree of misery.

People in hell will understand that they didn't have to go to hell because Jesus died so they could be saved from that torment. They'll recall all the opportunities they had to receive Jesus Christ and be saved.

The Faith of Devils

Matthew 8:23-29 unclean devils know that Jesus is the Son of God. They also know that they have an appointment with torment.

Consider the martyrs:

God sent His blood-bought Spirit-filled children into the world to preach the gospel (John 15:27), knowing that it would result in their persecution or death (John 15:18-21).

- The fact that people are going to die and go to hell forever demands that all heaven-bound saved sinners give them warning, no matter what the temporal cost (physical harm or death). There is an urgency. People need to be warned about hell.

Mark 5:5-9 An unclean spirit worships Jesus Christ and begs the Lord not to torment him. He knows that day of torment is coming. He knows it is true. He knows hell is real. If you don't believe it, your faith is less than the faith of a devil.

- If you know your neighbor is not saved and not going to heaven, then you'd better also know that they ARE going to hell. What are you doing about that?

Luke 8:26 We learn that this man had a legion of devils who knew that Jesus was the "**Son of God most high.**" They feared that the time of torment was upon them. They pleaded with the Lord that He would not torment them today, but they knew it was coming.

- How many people say, "*Not today*" to the Lord? They say, "*I know there is a time of torment coming, but it's not today, so I'll continue to reject the free gift of salvation.*"
 - Remembering this delay tactic will torment people in hell forever and ever.
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The Tormented Man in Hell

Luke 16: 19-27 The rich man died. **“In hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments.”**

- People in hell are tormented as they remember the good things in life, never again to be enjoyed (family, friends, refreshment, comfort, mercy, etc.).
- People in hell remember someone warning them about hell and they hope someone will tell their loved ones. That will add to their torment.

1 John 4:18 There is torment in fear. Unsaved people fear death, and rightly so. Saved people have nothing to fear concerning death. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord (2 Cor 5:8).

Rev 9:5-6 The creatures of hell will torment and terrify men so much that they will desire to die but will be unable.

Rev 20:10, 15 The devil, the beast, the false prophet, and all unbelievers will be cast into the lake of fire and be tormented day and night forever and ever.

If you reject God’s grace, mercy, and kindness, then you will go to hell where there is no grace, mercy, or kindness.

We need to warn people about hell!
