

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for March 30, 2014

An Angelic Proclamation Concerning Hell
Revelation 14:9-11

Remember that the first angelic proclamation was made in Revelation 14:6-7 concerning the eternal gospel.

Remember that the second angelic proclamation was made in Revelation 14:8 concerning the future judgment of Babylon.

Now, we have a third angelic proclamation in Revelation 14:9-11, concerning hell.

Here in this third proclamation, we see four characteristics of hell that should move the unbeliever to embrace the eternal gospel of Christ, and should move the believer, who has received the eternal gospel of Christ, to rejoice in the blessing of eternal life.

I. Hell will be a punishment (Revelation 14:10a).

The word, “wrath” (THOUMOU) emphasizes a passionate anger. It refers to a vehement furious activity. In this verse it is coupled with the word “anger” (ORGEI), and the two words taken together intensify the reality of God’s righteous anger toward sinful mankind.

“Mixed in full strength” is literally translated, “mixed unmixd.” It refers to the ancient practice of diluting wine with water.

II. Hell will be painful (Revelation 14:10b).

The verb translated, “be tormented” (BASANISTHEISETAI) speaks of the ceaseless infliction of unbearable pain.

Fire and brimstone are often associated in Scripture with divine judgment (cf. Genesis 19:24-25; Psalm 11:6; Isaiah 30:33; 34:8-10; Ezekiel 38:22; Revelation 19:20; 20:10; 21:8).

III. Hell will be permanent (Revelation 14:11a).

The expression “forever and ever” clearly emphasizes the eternal nature of hell. This expression is used 11 times in the book of Revelation, always speaking of eternity (Revelation 4:9-10; 5:13-14; 10:6; 15:7; 20:10; 22:5).

The eternal nature of hell is spoken of elsewhere in the New Testament (Matthew 18:8; 25:41, 46; Mark 9:43, 47; Jude 7).

IV. Hell will be persistent (Revelation 14:11b).

In verse 11, “day and night” is a figurative expression depicting “unbroken continuance.” Thus, it emphasizes the involuntary endurance of ceaseless torment in hell.

I pray that we embrace the eternal gospel so that we may have eternal life, and in light of embracing the eternal gospel, I pray that we might live for the glory of our eternal God as we long for our future hope of eternal blessing in heaven.