

**Sermon Quotes**  
**November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**Study of Hebrews- An Unshakable Kingdom**

“Natural men (non-Christians) hang over the pit of hell, as it were, by a thread that has a moth continually gnawing it. They know not when it will snap in two and let them drop. They are in the utmost uncertainty. They are not secure for one moment. A natural man never goes to sleep, but that he is in danger of waking in hell. Experience abundantly teaches the matter to be so. It shows, by millions of instances, that man is not certain of life for even one day. And how common a thing it is for death to come suddenly and unexpectedly! Thousands, beyond all reasonable question, are going to hell every day, and death comes upon them unexpectedly.”

—Jonathan Edwards

"Hell is a place where God manifests His displeasure and wrath...There is no person or thing to be seen there that is amiable or lovely; nothing that is pure, or holy, or pleasant, but everything abominable and despised...Those in hell hate God, and Christ, and angels, and saints in heaven; and not only so, but they hate one another, like a company of serpents or vipers, not only spitting out venom against God, but at one another, biting and stinging and tormenting each other. All things in this wide universe that are hateful shall be gathered together in hell, as in a vast receptacle provided for this purpose, that the universe which God has made may be cleansed of its filthiness, by casting it all into this great sink of wickedness and woe...There is nothing there but what shows forth God's Divine indignation and wrath."

—Jonathan Edwards

“What is it to be lost? To be cast away from the presence of God, to be cast into hell, to have to suffer, and that forever, all that the justice of God can demand, all that the omnipotence of God can inflict. Why, sirs, if I have but a headache, or a toothache for one brief hour, my patience can scarcely endure the torture. What must it be to suffer such pains for a century? Man, I cannot guess what it must be! What must it be to have ten thousand times worse pains than these forever and ever? But all the pangs and pains from which men suffer here are nothing to be compared with the woes and anguish of the world to come. And there, as you lie, tormented to the quick, you will have this to be your miserable portion: I heard the gospel, but I would not heed it; Christ was put before me, but I would not acknowledge Him; I was urged to believe in His name and fly to him for salvation, but I hesitated, hung in suspense, delayed, and at length denied Him. And all for what? For a little drink, a little dance, a little sin that yielded me but slight pleasure, or for worldly gain, or for low and groveling vices, or for sheer carelessness and silly parties. Lost, lost, lost...and lost for nothing!

—Charles Spurgeon

“You may effectually escape these dreadful and awful torments. I urge you to flee and embrace Him who came into the world for the very end of saving sinners from these torments, and who has paid the whole debt that is due. You are exposed to eternal punishment, but there is a Savior provided, one who is able and who freely offers to save you from that punishment. Justice is fully satisfied in Christ. All who believe in Him are accepted and justified in Him. Therefore believe in Christ, come to Him, commit your souls to Him to be saved by Him. In Him you shall be safe from the eternal torments of hell.”

—Jonathan Edwards

“One of the great needs of our souls is to know if we treasure anything on earth more than we treasure Christ. Treasuring anyone or anything more than Christ is idolatry. Paul said in Colossians 3:5, *'Put to death therefore what is earthly in you...covetousness, which is idolatry.'* If covetousness is idolatry, then desiring earthly things more than we desire God is idolatry. That means we must be **more satisfied in Christ** and his wisdom than we are in **all our relationships and accomplishments and possessions on earth.**”

—John Piper