

# Word Studies

## New Testament Greek for HELL

**Hades** 86 Ἅδης *hades hah'-dace* from 1 (as negative particle) and 1492; n

- 1) name Hades or Pluto, the god of the lower regions
- 2) Orcus, the nether world, the realm of the dead
- 3) later use of this word: the grave, death, hell

In Biblical Greek it is associated with Orcus, the infernal regions, a dark and dismal place in the very depths of the earth, the common receptacle of disembodied spirits. Usually Hades is just the abode of the wicked, #Lu 16:23; Re 20:13,14; a very uncomfortable place.

**Gehenna** - 1067 γέεννα *geenna gheh'-en-nah* of Hebrew origin קִיא־הַנֵּם, 01516 and 02011; AV-hell 9, hell fire+3588 +4442

- 1) Hell is the place of the future punishment call "Gehenna" or "Gehenna of fire". This was originally the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned; a fit symbol of the wicked and their future destruction.

**Tartaros** 5020 τάρταρος *tartaroo tar-tar-o'-o* from Tartaros (the deepest abyss of Hell); ;v AV-hell 10, grave 1; 11

- 1) the name of the subterranean region, doleful and dark, regarded by the ancient Greeks as the abode of the wicked dead, where they suffer punishment for their evil deeds; it answers to Gehenna of the Jews 2) to thrust down to Tartarus, to hold captive in Tartarus

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Matthew 11:23 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell <86>: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell <86> shall not prevail against it.

Luke 10:15 And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell <86>.

**Luke 16:23 And in hell <86> he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.**

**Acts 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell <86>, neither will you suffer your Holy One to see corruption.**

**Acts 2:31 He seeing this before spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell <86>, neither his flesh did see corruption.**

1 Corinthians 15:55 O death, where *is* thy sting? O grave <86>, where *is* thy victory?

Revelation 1:18 I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the **keys of hell <86> and of death.**

Revelation 6:8 And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was **Death, and Hell <86>** followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

Revelation 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and **death and hell <86>** delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

**Revelation 20:14 And death and hell <86> were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.**

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**Gehenna - 1067 γεεννα *geenna gheh'-en-nah* of Hebrew origin קיא-הנחם,**

Matthew 5:22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell [<1067>](#) fire.

Matthew 5:29 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell [<1067>](#).

Matthew 5:30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell [<1067>](#).

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell [<1067>](#).

Matthew 18:9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell [<1067>](#) fire.

Matthew 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell [<1067>](#) than yourselves.

Matthew 23:33 *Ye* serpents, *ye* generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell [<1067>](#)?

Mark 9:43 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell [<1067>](#), into the fire that never shall be quenched:

Mark 9:45 And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell [<1067>](#), into the fire that never shall be quenched:

Mark 9:47 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell [<1067>](#) fire:

Luke 12:5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell [<1067>](#); yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

James 3:6 And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell [<1067>](#).

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**Tartaros 5020 ταρταρω *tartaroo tar-tar-o'-o***

AV-hell 10, grave 1; 11

2 Peter 2:4 For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but **cast *them* down to hell** [<5020>](#), and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

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## Explain “Paradise” and “the Bosom of Abraham”

The teaching of Jesus in Luke 16 gives us the picture of the Jew’s view (and Jesus view) of what happens when a person dies. The Old Testament word SHEOL represented to compartments. The wicked dead go to a place of torment in flames, called Hell (*Hades or Gehenna*). The righteous go to a place called “Paradise” or the “Bosom of Abraham”, where they are safe and in joy and peace. Both were located in the waiting place of the dead. According to Ephesians 4:8-10 at Jesus death he descended into SHEOL, and there preached to the captives in paradise and set them free, taking them to HEAVEN with him in His resurrection. Now all dying believers go directly into the presence of the Lord in heaven, and sinners go immediately to hell and torment where they await the final judgment day. That is where does the Apostles Creed gets the phrase: “*He descended into hell*”?

### Ephesians 4:8-10

*8 Wherefore he says, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. 9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)*

### Paradise

**Paradise** 3857 παραδεισος paradeisos *par-ad'-i-sos*

of Oriental origin cf פֶּרְדִּים, 06508; n m AV-paradise – Used 3 times in the New Testament

- 1) among the Persians a grand enclosure or preserve, hunting ground, park, shady and well watered, in which wild animals, were kept for the hunt; it was enclosed by walls and furnished with towers for the hunters
- 2) a garden, pleasure ground 2a) grove, park
- 3) the part of Hades which was thought by the later Jews to be the abode of the souls of pious until the resurrection: but some understand this to be a heavenly paradise
- 4) the upper regions of the heavens. According to the early church Fathers, the paradise in which our first parents dwelt before the fall still exists, neither on the earth or in the heavens, but above and beyond the world
- 5) heaven

**Luke 23:43** Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto you, **To day you shall be with me in paradise.**

**2 Corinthians 12:4** How that he was **caught up into paradise**, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

**Revelation 2:7** He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, **which is in the midst of the paradise of God.**

## The Bosom of Abraham

### **Bosom 2859** *κολπος kolpos kol'-pos*

apparently a primary word; m AV-bosom 5, creek 1; 6

- 1) the front of the body between the arms
- 2) the bosom of a garment, i.e. the hollow formed by the upper forepart of a rather loose garment bound by a girdle or sash, **used for keeping and carrying things** (the fold or pocket or covering)

### **Luke 16:19-31 (KJV)**

- 19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
- 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was **carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom**: the rich man also died, and was buried;
- 23 And **in hell** he lift up his eyes, being **in torments**, and sees **Abraham afar off**, and **Lazarus in his bosom**.
- 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for **I am tormented in this flame**.
- 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and **you art tormented**.
- 26 And beside all this, between us and you **there is a great gulf fixed**: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come* from thence.
- 27 Then he said, I pray you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house:
- 28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into **this place of torment**.
- 29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.
- 30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.
- 31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, **neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead**.

### **Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)**

19. "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21. and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.
22. "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'
25. "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' 27. "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, 28. for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' 29. "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 30. "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31. "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

## Where to Catholic Church get the idea of Purgatory?

*There is no such thing as purgatory mentioned anywhere in the Bible.*

The Bible teaches...

- Hebrews 9:27 that “*It is appointed unto man once to die, but after that the judgment.*”
- 2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
- Philippians 1:21 For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die is gain.

**Read 1 Corinthians 15** Concerning the Resurrection

**Read Revelation** Concerning Heaven and Saints before the Throne.