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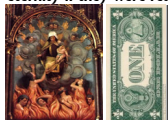
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This prison-pit is in the heart of the earth, where Jesus went to preach before his resurrection:"so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights **in the heart of the earth.** He [David] seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his [Christ's] soul was not left **in hell**, Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into **the lower parts of the earth?**..By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison." **Mt.12.40b, Ac.2.31ab, Ep. 4.9, 1 Pt.3.19**

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"And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to **the tormentors**, till he should pay all that was due unto him." **Matthew 18.34**

Why did God create such a horrible place? To punish the devil and his angels<sup>5</sup> for their pride and rebellion. Unfortunately, by rebelling against God through sin you have chosen to side with the devil and are heading for the same fate.



When the time has come, all those cast into hell from the beginning of time will get their day in court, at the Great White Throne Judgment. After being found guilty, they, along with hell and death itself, will be cast alive into the Lake of Fire<sup>6</sup>. There is no escape from the Lake.

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