

## Why You Deserve Hell. The Key to Knowledge Luke 11

Did you know that only 1% of the population has an I.Q. score higher than 135? The letters I.Q. stand for Intelligence Quotient, which measures how smart you are compared to the entire population. Albert Einstein was considered by many to be one of the most intelligent men that ever lived. He developed the Theory of Relativity and it is estimated that his I.Q. was well above 160. You might find this hard to believe but you are about to become wiser than Albert Einstein.

“I cannot imagine a God who rewards and punishes his creation” – Albert Einstein

That is a mystery that troubles a vast majority of mankind. Albert did not understand why a loving God would send people to a place called hell. Why does the Bible claim that people who do not believe in Jesus will be sent to hell after they die? (John 3:18)

One of the world’s greatest authors also picked up on this....“It is the parts of the Bible I do understand that bother me” – Mark Twain

"I am tormented in this flame! Please give me just one drop of water to cool my tongue" - Luke 16

I personally always believed in a creator but I did not think anyone deserved to be sent to hell either. Then one day I had a very strange encounter while working as a cashier at a local store. A lady, whom I had never met before made a purchase, left the store and then returned to talk to me. She said in a polite tone that you are angry with God. She did not want to tell me this but she was right. I did not think anyone deserved eternal hell but the answer to my anger problem with God over the subject of hell would come several years later.

“The Key to Knowledge” – Luke 11....."It makes the simple wise. It converts the soul" - King David

If Jesus is who he claimed to be then we should definitely pay attention to a statement like that. He said that lawyers take away the “key to knowledge” and we know lawyers practice law. Did you ever notice that all of our favorite TV shows deal with law, courts and justice? CSI, Law & Order, Blue Bloods, NCIS, Judge Mathis and Judge Judy. There are so many judge shows on during daytime television that I have lost count. We love law and justice until it comes for us. Then we do not want to hear the law. I did not do anything wrong. “I am a good person”

A recent television show called the “Moment of Truth” illustrates the problem with that mentality. A lady was asked many personal questions and she could only continue if she told the truth. One wrong answer (a lie) and she would lose all of the money she had earned. The questions eventually became scandalous and more personal as the game moved along. She admitted to cheating on her husband and wishing she had married someone else. Needless to say her husband in the audience was very upset but do you know what question did her in? “Do you think you are a good person?” She replied yes and the game was over!

“Most people will proclaim their own goodness” – Proverbs 20

Why do we all try to convince ourselves that we are good? Have we not all told a lie before? Have we not all stolen something that did not belong to us? Have we not all looked with lustful eyes or had sexually perverted thoughts? Jesus defined looking with lust filled eyes to be the same as adultery (Matthew 5:28). You are a liar, a thief and an adulterer and so am I.

“If people are good only because they fear punishment, and hope for reward, then we are a sorry lot indeed” - Albert Einstein

Suppose a man broke into your home and stole all of your valuable possessions? What if he murdered someone in your family? What if he attacked your children? He would surely be punished for breaking the law and without the law he would get away with it. Do you think a judge would let him go simply for saying “I am sorry” and “I will not do it again?” A good judge is going to enforce the law on those that continually break it. If he does not enforce the law then that makes him a corrupt judge and criminals would run free on society. “God is a righteous judge” – 2 Timothy. You do not rob banks or commit murder because you know that would lead to a lifetime sentence in prison. You obey the laws of society everyday due to the fear of punishment.

There is not one person on this planet that likes liars, thieves, adulterers or murderers. The reality is you agree with God and you cannot fight something you agree with. How would you defend yourself when you agree with the very laws you have broken?

"Which show the work of the law (10 Commandments) written in their hearts and their conscience bearing witness" - Romans 2

Do you hear someone laughing in the courtroom?....."Satan your accuser" – Revelation 12:10

"Satan was accusing me as my whole life was played back in front of me. He stood there making a legal argument against me. I felt the torment and started screaming again." - Craig Gottschalk (died and saw hell) - True Stories of Those Who Have Made the Journey

God knew you would fail his law (The Ten Commandments) so he made a way for you to escape. He sent his only Son to take the punishment you deserve for being a lawbreaker. “Jesus - The advocate” (1st John) defense attorney. The truth is people that are sent to hell will sadly have nobody to blame but themselves. Jesus did not say most of the world is going to heaven after they die. He said MANY of you will CHOOSE the path that leads to destruction - Matthew 7.

**You CHOOSE your destination and make no mistake HELL IS NOT TEMPORARY!**

“Where their worm will never die and their fire will never be put out” - Matthew 23 | Isaiah 66

“He who does not believe in the Son of God is condemned already. Unless you are born again you will by no means enter the Kingdom of God” - John 3