

## Grief over the Tsunami



People from every corner of the earth convulsed in shock and grief as images of the Tsunami Disaster of December 26, 2004 flashed around the world. The images of the suffering caused by this giant wave of destruction have been indelibly etched into our minds. Images of people being swept away by the wave to their deaths, of shocked survivors staggering in the aftermath searching for loved ones, of mass graves, and unidentified bodies, these images and many more like them will stay with us as long as we live.

The wise thing to do when warned of impending disaster is to take steps to escape

The Bible warns of a terrible judgment that will fall on sinners. God has spoken about a real eternal hell as the final destination of the wicked. Hell is not a pleasant topic to talk about. In fact it is dreadful, even more dreadful than the terrible Tsunami that claimed so many lives. But the fact of people not wanting to hear about it doesn't make it any less real.

Hell is a place of torment. The rich man also died and was buried. And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torment.

It is a place of darkness. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and wailing of teeth.

Hell is a place of never ending punishment. These shall go into everlasting punishment.

Every male and female who has come to an age of understanding will be swept into the everlasting destruction of hell if they continue in their sins. Should they die apart from the Savior, it will be as if they are hit with a giant wave of destruction that sweeps them away in irresistible power, that once it gets them into its clutches it never lets them go, that obliterates everything good and replaces it with darkness, pain, death, and sorrow.

Ah be warned! The wicked and all nations that forget God shall be turned into hell.

If you do not like the notion of a hell that sweeps the wicked away and never lets them go, your not liking it will not change the reality of it one iota. You are not meant to like it. Hell is a horrible place. God made it that way. God has portrayed it that way. He has done this on purpose so that the most hardened of sinners, when they hear of the horrors of hell, might have a strong incentive to cause them to bow the knee to the Savior.

The only way to escape eternal punishment is to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. So that souls wouldn't have to perish God sent his Son into the world. The Lord Jesus suffered death on the cross so that hell-deserving sinners could escape the punishment they deserve. Now all

who put their hearts confidence in him will be saved. Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

Those who hear the warning of the impending judgment of hell on their sins can flee to the Savior. They can do it alone in the confines of a room; they can do it on a busy street. They can do it in a prayer out loud, or they can do it soundlessly in the depths of their heart, but if they are ever going to escape hell it must be done. To Jesus Christ and him alone they must go. And once they believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, they should confess him before men. That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Wont you hear the warnings of impending judgment and come to the Savior? He that cometh unto me, the Lord Jesus said, I will in nowise cast out. He alone is the sinners only safe place of refuge.