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“Date setting prophetic extremists embarrass the witness of the Gospel. False teachers always do.” —Jack Graham

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¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.”

—Luke 16:14-15 ESV

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Luke 16:19-31

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Jesus spoke of things eternal as if they were REAL.

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HEAVEN: ¹“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going.” —John 14:1-4 ESV

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³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” —Revelation 21:3-4 ESV

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Hell: “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’” —Matthew 25:41 ESV

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... and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

—Revelation 20:10 ESV

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Hell is a place of...

- darkness Matthew 22:13
- agony Matthew 8:12
- physical/spiritual destruction Matthew 10:28
- unquenchable fire Mark 9:48-49
- endless torment Luke 16

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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. —John 10:10 ESV

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Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. —1 Peter 5:8 ESV

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“A staggering number of people have been taught that a select few Christians will spend forever in a peaceful place called heaven, while the rest of humanity spends forever in torment and punishment in hell with no chance for anything better. It’s been clearly communicated to many that this belief is a central truth of the Christian faith and to reject it is, in essence, to reject Jesus.”

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“This is misguided and toxic and ultimately subverts the contagious spread of Jesus’ message of love, peace, forgiveness, and joy that our world desperately needs to hear.”

—Rob Bell, *Love Wins*

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“The doctrine of eternal conscious punishment... tends to be one of the first doctrines given up by people who are moving away from a commitment to the Bible as absolutely truthful... Among liberal theologians who do not accept the absolute truthfulness of the Bible, there is probably no one today who believes in the doctrine of eternal conscious punishment.”

—Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*

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Jesus spoke about things eternal as if they were PERSONAL.

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¹⁴Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.
¹⁵And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

—Revelation 20:14-15 ESV

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Jesus spoke of things eternal as if they were EXPERIENTIAL.

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“The doctrine of hell is not just some dusty, theological holdover from the unenlightened Middle Ages. It has significant social consequences. Without ultimate justice, people’s sense of moral obligation dissolves, and social bonds are broken. People who have no fear of God soon have no fear of man, and no respect for human laws and authority.”

—Charles Colson

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Jesus spoke of things eternal as if they were UNCHANGEABLE.

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And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us. —LUKE 16:26 ESV

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So from that day on they made plans to put him to death. —John 11:53 ESV

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“The vague and tenuous hope that God is too kind to punish the ungodly has become a deadly opiate for the conscience of millions.” —A.W. Tozer

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**“Shun all views of future punishment
that make it appear less terrible.”**

—Charles H. Spurgeon

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²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

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²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

—Revelation 21:22-27 ESV

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**“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.”**

—John 14:6 ESV

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**“The message of the gospel is not that
love wins—it is that Jesus saves.”**

—Albert Mohler

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