

# LINGERING AROUND HELL FIRE

**Dear precious reader**, the issue of Hell is so serious that, by far, God's Son, Jesus Christ talked more about Hell than He talked about Heaven. In fact, due to His great love for humanity, He used various scenarios and parables to encourage men to strive to **ESCAPE** from **HELL FIRE**. However, in spite of all the clear - cut warnings, amazingly, some strange schools of thought still exists regarding this critical issue, primarily, intended to lead men astray.

Whilst some believe in; 'once saved always saved'; and hence 'life must be taken easy', others believe that using BIG ecumenical titles could 'do the trick'. For others, establishing a church or putting on some type of air of piety etc is a guarantee for a place in Heaven. But the KEY question here is: Can a person, claiming to be saved, possibly, still be **lingering** around **Hell Fire**???

*The Bible* throws more light on an answer to this critical question.

*Gen 19:14 – 17*, says; “*Lot went out, and spoke to his sons-in-law, who were*

*pledged to marry his daughters, and said, “Get up! Get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy the city.” But he seemed to his sons-in-law to be JOKING. 19:15 When the morning came, then the angels hurried Lot, saying, “Get up! Take your wife, and your two daughters who are here. lest you be consumed in the iniquity of the city.” 19:16 But he **lingered**; and the men grabbed his hand, his wife's hand, and his two daughters' hands, the LORD being merciful to him; and they took him out, and set him outside of the city. 19:17 It came to pass, when they had taken them out, that he said, “**Escape for your life! Don't look behind you, and don't stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains. lest you be consumed!**” [Full story: Gen 19:1– 29]*

**Question:** How does a person linger around Hell Fire ???

**Answer:** **lingering around Hell Fire** is when (where) a person, who claims to be God's Child; and even warns others about **HELL FIRE**;

- Still prefers to stay in the plains or valley – city of iniquity.
- Disobeys the call to go to the mountains – a place of security
- Becomes 'so familiar' with God; hence takes Him for granted.
- Fails to carry his entire family to depart from the city of iniquity
- Puts his hands to the plough, but continues to look back. Etc.

**Crucial lesson:** In spite of God's mercy and love, if Lot had refused to relocate, or looked back as his wife did, he also would have perished just like his wife. Dear precious reader, are you **lingering** around **HELL** or you are “**ESCAPING FOR YOUR LIFE**”?

Jesus said in Luke 6:47- 49 “**He who (1) hears & (2) doeth...is WISE**”

Jesus said in Luke 13: 24 “**Strive to enter** in at the strait gate: **for many**, I say unto

you, will **seek to enter in**, and **shall not be able**”

Jesus said in Matthew 7:21 *Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 7:22 Many will tell me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, in your name cast out demons, and in your name do many mighty works?'*

Jesus said in Matthew 7:23 *“Then I will tell them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you who work iniquity!’”*

**Dear reader**, as you make up your mind as to whether to linger around Hell or to escape for your Life, Jesus is saying to you also in;

Matthew 17:32 **“Remember Lot's wife”**

**GOOD NEWS: No matter** how great your **SINS** are, **YOU** can register for Heaven **TODAY**, right **NOW**, and right **HERE**. Isaiah 1:18, 19. **How?**

- ➔ Simply believe in your heart that Jesus Christ died and Resurrected for YOU, personally. Rom 10 : 9-10
- ➔ Open your mouth and pray, audibly, a prayer of surrender to God, personally, accepting his Gift for you. Rom 10: 9 – 10 , 13

### **DECISION FOR HEAVEN**

**IF YOU WANT TO BE WASHED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST , BE BORN AGAIN, AND ESCAPE FROM DEATH TO LIFE ( John 5 : 24 ), THEN OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND PRAY THE FOLLOWING**

### **PRAYERS .**

- ➔ Lord Jesus Christ, I ACCEPT that I am a sinner. Rom 3:23, Is 64:6, , Ps 51:5
- ➔ I REPENT, confess , renounce and forsake my SINS, and receive your forgiveness 1 John 1 : 9, Heb 9:22, 12
- ➔ Wash my Sins away with your precious blood, shed on Calvary Cross for me.
- ➔ Lord Jesus Christ, come into my heart today and be my Lord and Savior. I dedicate the rest of my life to you Rev 3 : 20, Joshua 24 : 15b
- ➔ Thank you Jesus that I am now born again, and for saving me. *John 3: 3*

### **PLEASE, CONFIRM YOUR DECISION AND COMMITMENT BY INDICATING**

Your Name:.....

Signature:.....

Date:.....

**IMPORTANT:** For you to remain in God's LOVE and grow spiritually;

- ➔ Read the Bible, especially the New Testament, focusing on the gospel of **Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John** to know more about Jesus Christ and make Him your friend. 1 Peter 2 : 2. Pray always to God Luke 18 : 1
- ➔ Locate a Bible believing church where you can grow. Acts 2:47b
- ➔ Tell others about Christ, continually. Ezekiel 33 : 8

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