

## **TOUGH SCRIPTURES**

### **2. HIS SOUL IN HELL**

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In Acts 2 we have Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost.

In it, he quotes from Psalm 16.10 where it says of the Lord Jesus, "For thou wilt not leave my soul in Hell neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." This is also referred to in Acts 13.35.

The Apostles Creed says of the Lord Jesus, "He descended into hell."

The idea of the Lord Jesus in Hell is unbelievable. Surely there is a mistake.

The problem is due to the changing meaning of words, or that words have more than one meaning.

The original word here is Hades which means the place of all departed souls, the place or state of those who have died. Hades is often translated as Sheol, the grave.

The word hell means the same but is usually used for the abode of the condemned in eternal punishment. It has another name Gehenna.

The Lord Jesus was obedient even to the death of the Cross. The Father said of Him, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased."

When the Lord died on the Cross He went into Hades the place of departed souls also known as Sheol, the grave.

It follows that Hades has two parts separated by a chasm (Luke 16.26). Lazarus was in the part called Abraham's bosom while the rich man was in the torments of hell. He pleaded with Abraham for Lazarus to give him water and to send a warning to his five brothers still living, so as not to come to this place of punishment.

Abraham replied that if someone came back from the dead they would not be believed or their words be accepted.

This passage confirms the fact of hell.

Spiritualists believe that they can receive messages from the dead, those who have passed over. These verses deny that.

On the Cross The Lord said to a repentant thief, "Verily, verily, I say unto you today thou shalt be with me in Paradise." Paradise being another name for the 'good' side of Hades.

The Lord Jesus in the time between His death until His resurrection was in Abraham's bosom and did not see corruption.

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