

Drag Me To Hell!

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“A new movie has been released called “**Drag Me To Hell.**” The story is of a woman who was cursed to be tormented for three days by a demon and then would be dragged to Hell for eternity. The tag line to the movie is “**Even nice people go to Hell.**”

Well, it's true. Nice people do go to Hell. 150,000 people die every day. You would consider most of these people to be nice and good. Some of the nicest people you've ever met will end up in Hell when they die.

What about you? Do you think you are a good person...good enough to get into Heaven when you die? The Bible says to examine yourself. This exam is a 10 question test known as the Ten Commandments.

How many lies have you told in your life? A person is called a liar who has told as many lies as you have. Have you ever taken anything that does not belong to you? A person that steals is called a thief. Have you ever taken God's name in vain? That is called blasphemy and God will not hold anyone blameless who misuses His name. If you ever had an improper sexual thought toward someone then Jesus says you are an adulterer at heart.

These are just four of the Ten Commandments. How did you do? God does not grade on a “good deeds” curve. Your “good” deeds do not give you any credit towards God favoritism. The test is pass/fail and you must score a perfect hundred to pass His test.

If you honestly examine yourself you know you are guilty of breaking God's laws. And if you are guilty, God, being just, cannot let you into Heaven. He cannot allow liars, adulterers, thieves, and blasphemers in to Heaven and remain holy and just.

If a person wronged you and a judge let the person who wronged you off free without any penalty, you will cry foul and state that the judge was crooked. God's standard of justice is much stricter and he will see that justice is done for those who break His laws.

The Bible says that all liars will have their part in the Lake of Fire.

“But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death (Rev. 21:8).”

Think of it like this. If you lie to a child, nothing can happen. If you lie to your spouse, they can get angry. If you lie to your boss, you can be fired. Lying to the Government is called treason and you can go to jail. You can be telling the same lie to each person. So it is not the size of the lie that gets you into trouble, it is the person you lie to that determines the punishment. When a person lies, God sees it as an infinite offense since He is infinite, without beginning or end. *Colossians 1:21 says you are (if you are not a Christian) an enemy of God by your wicked works.*

God must send law breakers to Hell. But unlike the tag line in the “Drag me to Hell” movie, there will be no dragging. The law breakers will be cast into Hell. It will not be a demon that does the casting into Hell but God Himself.

Matthew 10:28 " And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Matthew 10:28).”

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But you protest “God is Love”. That is true, God IS Love. He is 100% Love, but He is also 100% just, 100% pure, and 100% righteous. The Bible does not ever say God is love, love, love or kind, kind, kind. But the Bible says He is Holy, Holy, Holy and it is His Holiness, His perfection that is the reason you are in big trouble.

So, how do you balance God's 100% Love and 100% justice? 2000 years ago the Son of God came to Earth in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He lived a sinless life; He willingly went to the cross. He willingly had sin placed upon Him. God's fierce wrath toward sin crushed Jesus on the cross.

Jesus died and was buried. Three days later he rose from the grave and was seen alive by over 500 people. He ascended into Heaven and will one day return to earth. You broke God's laws but Jesus paid your fine, your debt to God, for you in His own life's blood.

Romans 5:8 *"But God commends his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

But Jesus' action does not mean you are automatically forgiven. You must humble yourself before God. This means you repent of your multitude of sins. Forsake your sins, turn from your sins and yourself and turn toward God. Then trust in the person of Christ and receive His righteousness in exchange for your sin. Then God will save you and make you born again.

It will be the hardest thing you ever do in this life; to humble yourself before God. If you think you are a good person, then God will not save you.

1 Peter 5:5 *"God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

This is why people, who think they are “good”, will go to Hell when they die. They have not humbled themselves to the point to realize they are not good at all but wicked and sinful in His sight. They compare themselves to each other and not to God who is the standard.

We are Christ's ambassadors, as if God was pleading through us. We implore you on the behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. God made Christ, who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might have the righteousness of God, in Christ.”

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."*

Therefore here's what the Bible says you must do.

Acts 3:19 *"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."*

God has extended a gift toward you.

Ephesians 2:8-9, *"For by **GRACE** ye are saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: NOT of works, lest any man should boast."*

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Acts 4:12, *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."*

You can become a new creation in Jesus Christ!

II Corinthians 5:17, *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."*

Today with all your heart, turn away from your sin, and surrender your life to Jesus Christ. Please don't put it off. You may die today and then it will be too late. Put your faith and trust in Him today.

Finally, if you know that you need to repent, and put your trust in Christ alone for your salvation and choose not to at this time because you feel you are not ready, or you will miss out or have to give up what you enjoy, then before you go to bed take out a piece of paper and write the word **CONDEMNED** and try to go to sleep (if you can).

Will God actually condemn you?

John 3:18–21 He who believes in Him is *not* condemned; but he who does not believe **is condemned already**, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹ And **this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.** ²⁰ For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹ But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God. " "

However, if you know that you need to repent, and put your trust in Christ alone for your salvation and you obey God's command to repent, then tonight before you go to bed write on a piece of paper the word **FORGIVEN**, and then have a sweet sleep. Then wake up and read your Bible to start off your day (I suggest the book of Mark).

God promises to save those that repent and trust in Jesus?

*"Most assuredly, I say to you he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall **not** come into judgment but has passed from death into life."*