

Why Does God Allow People to Go to Hell?

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When going to court, the judge's character is crucial. If we have been wronged by someone, we deserve justice and the law demands it. God is a righteous judge who will give just judgments. He'll listen to the victims of the crime, consider the evidence, uphold the law, acquit the innocent, and punish the guilty. Whenever the law permits, He will grant mercy.

God is:

Good, Loving, Forgiving, and Merciful
(Psalm 100:5; Exodus 34:7; John 3:16)



Righteous and Just
(Genesis 18:25; Exodus 34:7)

- 1. God has shown us what He requires.** - “He (*God*) has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the Lord require of you But to **do justly**, To love mercy, And to **walk humbly with your God?**” (Micah 6:8)
- 2. God provided His laws to show us how “to do justly.”** The 10 commandments are God’s basic moral laws. Those who choose a life of ignoring God and of breaking His laws (*sinning*) will be punished. “For the wages of sin *is* death,” (Romans 6:23) But none of us can keep His law perfectly. “Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh (*human*) will be justified in His sight,²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” (Rom. 3:20, 23) So, what can we do?
- 3. God is merciful and has provided a substitute, Jesus Christ, as payment for our sins and to be our Lord and Savior.** “. . . but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23). “the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,” (Philippians 3:20)
- 4. God made hell for punishing the devil and his demons. They were once in heaven with Him, but choose to rebel, sin, and go their own way.** “. . . the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:” (Matthew 25:41)
- 5. God is not willing that any of us perish and go to hell, but that all would be saved.** But, He is a just judge and must follow His law. He doesn’t want to say, “Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:” (Matthew 25:41). “The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9) “. . . who (*God*) desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:4)
- 6. God draws us to Himself, to walk with Him (Genesis 5:22).** “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love, Therefore with lovingkindness I (*God*) have drawn you.” (Jeremiah 31:3). “And, when I (*Jesus*) am lifted up from the earth (*crucified on the cross*), will draw all people to myself.” (John 12:3)

God's Way - My Way

Heaven <-----

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7. Many people ignore God's their own way, which is the way of farther they walk on that road, the source of pure love and goodness), destruction. "I (God) call heaven and against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose life**, that both you and your descendants **may live**;" (Deuteronomy 30:19).



call and continue to choose rebellion and sin. The farther they are from God (the and the closer they get to earth as witnesses today

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that **leads to destruction**, and there are many who go in by it.” (Matthew 7:13) “Jesus said to him, “**I am the way**, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (John 14:6)

8. **Those of us who choose not to change our ways, nor to turn to God, nor to believe in Jesus are on the road to judgment before an angry judge.** “He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, **but the wrath of God abides on him.**” (John 3:36) “Most assuredly, I (Jesus) say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him (God) who sent Me has everlasting life, and **shall not come into judgment**, but has passed from death into life.” (John 5:24)

9. **God wants people to listen and turn from their ways, so throughout their lives, God sends:** His Holy Spirit to convict and guide. (John 16:3, 8)

His word, the Bible, to show them the way. (Psalm 119:105-106)

People (books, movies) warning with the truth. (Acts 2:40, Jude 1:23)

Angels, dreams, and visions to tell them truth and warn them.

(Matthew 2:12, 20; Acts 2:17, 8:26, 10:17; 2 Corinthians 12:1)

10. **But, many of us don't want to change, or unwisely choose to postpone until later. Some prefer our sins to God's ways. Finally, God becomes angry.** “God is a just judge, And **God is angry** with the wicked every day.” (Psalm 17:11) “The Lord will judge His people.” (Psalm 7:11). “But I (*Jesus*) will show you whom you should fear: **Fear Him (God) who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell**; yes, I say to you, fear Him!” (Luke 12:5)

11. **God will reveal His truth and His Son to all that hunger for righteousness** (Matthew 5:6) and seek for truth. Ask, Seek, Knock . . . (Matthew 7:8)

12. **After spending a lifetime of rejecting God's instructions, they are without excuse.** “For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, **so that they are without excuse.**” (Romans 1:20)

13. **Jesus grieves when people refuse to repent. (Luke 13:34)** God says, “I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in a way that is not good, According to their own thoughts; 3 A people who provoke Me to anger continually to My face;” (Isaiah 65:2-3)

14. **Do you want to repent now and turn toward God and Jesus?** You can pray to Him now. Here is a suggested prayer. “Dear Jesus, forgive me for all my sins and cleanse me from all my sinful ways. I repent from trying to live my life my way and ask You to be my Lord. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Right now, Jesus, I open my heart and receive You as my personal Lord and Savior. I want to have a new vibrant relationship with God. AMEN!”

GOD BLESS YOU!

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