

Published 12/16/19 on YouTube by HopeLives365, “What is Hell (Bible Truth You’ve Never Heard!) by Mark Finley.

1) Around 9:45 into the presentation, Mark Finley uses Jude 1:7 to prove that hell doesn’t burn forever. It’s actually easy to prove with an English dictionary (no Greek or Hebrew needed) that “forever” doesn’t necessarily mean something never ends. Mark suffers an affliction that some other Seventh-day Adventist ministers share. He doesn’t always know what ENGLISH means. Mark used the New King James Version (NKJV) for this presentation and here is what it says:

“as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.” Jude 1:7 from the NKJV.

Mark continues, “Now follow me closely. Sodom and Gomorrah were two wicked cities filled with immorality, crime, and violence” and “they were burned with an eternal fire.” He then gets to the punch line, “Here’s my question. Are Sodom and Gomorrah, these two wicked cities of millenniums ago; are they still burning today?”

What I would like Mark to notice is that the above verse is not talking about the buildings, streets, etc., that composed Sodom and Gomorrah so of course it’s not burning. The verse is talking about the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. That does not prove the departed spirits aren’t burning in hell. After all, his favorite bible says:

“Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish.” Psalms 146:3-4 from the NKJV.

There is nothing in Jude 1:7 that proves departed spirits couldn’t go to heaven or hell.

2) Around 11:06 brother Finley starts a discussion on 2 Peter 2:4-6 and wisely says, “The importance in studying the Bible is letting the Bible interpret itself.” I agree unless you’re using a fake bible. He then mentions a Greek word as if that should help one who only understands English. Here are the verses from his bible.

“For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly;” 2 Peter 2:4-6 from the NKJV.

Once again, these verses don’t prove departed spirits couldn’t be in hell even if their bodies and homes were ashes. He makes the valid point that

the fallen angels were “reserved for judgment” and weren’t judged at that time. He knows what “reserved for judgment” means but perhaps has overlooked what 2 Peter 2:9 says a few verses down in his favorite bible.

“then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment.” 2 Peter 2:9 from the NKJV.

Notice it says the unjust are “under punishment” until the judgment comes. That could mean the unjust are burning in hell until the judgment. He could have avoided all this difficulty by using the King James Bible (known to many as the King James Version).

“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.” 2 Peter 2:9 from the King James Bible.

It’s not all bad though. Mark does explain what “unquenchable” means in English. He also makes the very good point what when Revelation 21:4 says there won’t be any more pain, it’s hard to imagine that being true if people were suffering in hell.

3) Around 19:00 Mark starts to discuss Ezekiel 28:12-19 from his NKJV bible. Many ministers, when they get to last few verses of that passage, see a problem in the NKJV and change it but not Mark. Though he doesn’t read every word of that passage he does post it. The last verses say:

“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you. ‘You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you. All who know you among the peoples are astonished at you; You have become a horror, And shall be no more forever’” Ezekiel 28:17-19 from the NKJV.

Those verses are all in past tense so mean Satan is already dead. There is not that problem in the King James Bible since those verses are in future tense. Mark finishes, “So Satan will be no more forever! Now this is good news!” No Mark. It doesn’t say that. What it says is even better news. Satan is already dead! He has ALREADY been turned to ashes if your bible can be believed.

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