

Genesis 1:1–2 (CSB)¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Genesis 6:5–7 (NKJV)⁵ Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every intent of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. ⁶ And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. ⁷ So the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them.”

Jeremiah 17:9 (NKJV) The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*,
And desperately wicked; Who can know it?

Genesis 6:6 (NKJV) And the Lord was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Genesis 6:6 (NLT) So the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart.

God's heart was broken over the state of man because by rejecting God, man sentenced themselves to eternity in hell.

Isaiah 5:14 (NLT)¹⁴ The grave (**Sheol**) is licking its lips in anticipation, opening its mouth wide. The great and the lowly and all the drunken mob will be swallowed up.

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Luke 16:19–31 (NLT)¹⁹ Jesus said, “There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury. ²⁰ At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores. ²¹ As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man’s table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores. ²² “Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and he went to the place of the dead. There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ “The rich man shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have some pity! Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.’ ²⁵ “But Abraham said to him, ‘Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.’ ²⁷ “Then the rich man said, ‘Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father’s home. ²⁸ For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don’t end up in this place of torment.’ ²⁹ “But Abraham said, ‘Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.’ ³⁰ “The rich man replied, ‘No, Father Abraham! But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.’ ³¹ “But Abraham said, ‘If they won’t listen to Moses and the prophets, they won’t be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

Isaiah 52:7 (NKJV) How beautiful upon the mountains

Are the feet of him who brings good news,

Who proclaims peace,

Who brings glad tidings of good *things*,

Who proclaims salvation,

Who says to Zion,

“Your God reigns!”

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Matthew 12:38–40 (NKJV) ³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You."³⁹ But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Psalms 16:9–10 (NKJV) ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.¹⁰ For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

Ephesians 4:8–10 (NKJV) ⁸ Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."⁹ (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)

Luke 23:39–43 (NKJV) ³⁹ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."⁴⁰ But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation?⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong."⁴² Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."⁴³ And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

"Some saw Jesus raise the dead and did not believe. The robber sees him being put to death, and yet believes." Alfred Plummer

Hebrews 1:3 (NKJV) who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Hebrews 10:12 (NLT) But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. **Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.**

Ephesians 4:8 (NKJV) Therefore He says: "*When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, . . .*

Psalms 68:18 (NKJV) You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; . . .

2 Corinthians 5:8 (NKJV) We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

Philippians 1:21 & 23 (NKJV) ²¹ For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. . . . ²³ For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, *which is* far better.

1 Peter 3:18–20 (NLT) ¹⁸ Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit. ¹⁹ So he went and preached to the spirits in prison—²⁰ those who disobeyed God long ago when God waited patiently while Noah was building his boat. Only eight people were saved from drowning in that terrible flood.

2 Peter 2:4 (NLT) For God did not spare even the angels who sinned. He threw them into hell, in gloomy pits of darkness, where they are being held until the day of judgment.

1 Peter 3:22 (NKJV) who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him.

Revelation 20:10 (CSB) The devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet are, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

Revelation 20:13–15 (NKJV) ¹³The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ¹⁴Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

The stain of sin is so great that God will create a new heaven and a new earth. Hades will be destroyed with it, cast into the lake of fire. (Revelation 21)