

Lecture 38 – The Last Things: The Eternal State

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory.

Matthew 25:31

Key Terms

Eternal punishment, hell, darkness & separation, fire, crying & grinding of teeth, punishment, death & destruction, new earth

Lecture Objectives

- To describe and provide the biblical rationale for eternal punishment in hell
- To describe and provide the biblical rationale for the new earth

Preview

We have just looked at the last judgment. In our final lecture, we will focus on the eternal state, both hell and the new earth. Prior outline points have been listed for continuity.

The Last Things: The Eternal State

I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

II. The Doctrine of Election

III. The Doctrine of the Church

IV. The Means of Grace

V. The Last Things

A. Introduction

B. Death and the intermediate state

C. Christ's second coming

D. The signs of the times

E. The Millennium of Revelation 20:4-6

F. The resurrection of the body

G. The last judgment

*H. The eternal state

1. Eternal punishment

a. Final, not intermediate

b. The master of hell

1) Not Satan

2) God

3) God is present in hell

c. Description of hell: five pictures

1) Darkness and separation

2) Fire

3) Weeping and gnashing of teeth

4) Punishment

5) Death and destruction

2. The new earth

a. Biblical passages

1) Isaiah 65:17; 66:22

2) Romans 8:20-21

- 3) 2 Peter 3:7, 10-11
 - 4) Revelation 21:1
- b. Present earth: renewed, or destroyed/recreated?
- 1) Destruction/recreation
 - 2) Renewal