

“Is There Hell On Earth?”

At times the earth seems hellish, full of death, sin, and pain. Why is it like that right now? God has enemies who are seeking to destroy His plans, although He will ultimately win the victory. Each day we make choices to align with God or with His enemies.

Earth Seems Hellish Because:

- **The Devil is Active (1 Peter 5:8; John 8:44; 2 Cor 4:4; Heb 2:14).**

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. —1 Peter 5:8

You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no trust in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. —John 8:44

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. —2 Corinthians 4:4

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil. —Hebrews 2:14

- **People Are Sinful (Gal 5:19-24; Matthew 15:19).**

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. —Galatians 5:19-21

For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. —Matthew 15:19

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. —Galatians 5:22-24

- **The World is Corrupted (1 John 2:15-16; Romans 8:20-22).**

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh, and the desires of the eyes and pride of life – is not from the Father but is from the world. —1 John 2:15-16

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. —Romans 8:20-22

You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"?

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. —James 4:4-8