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## Part 2: Hell is real

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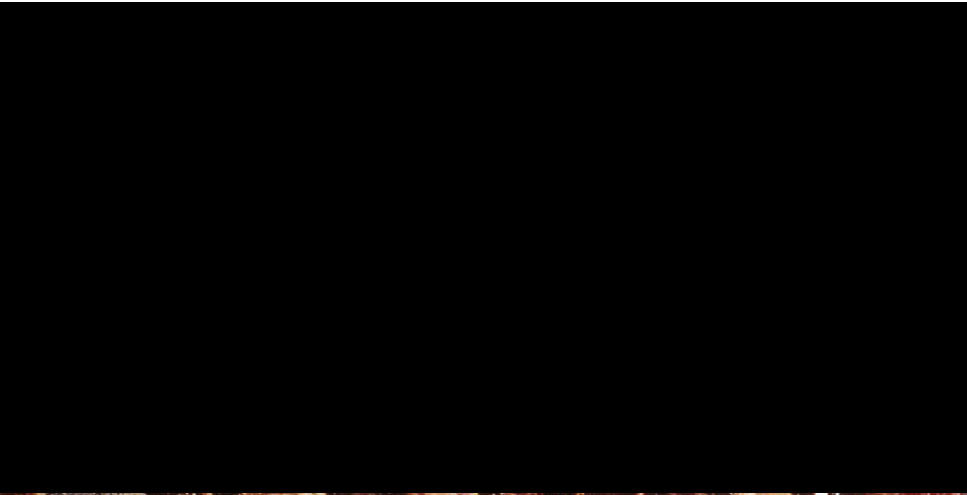




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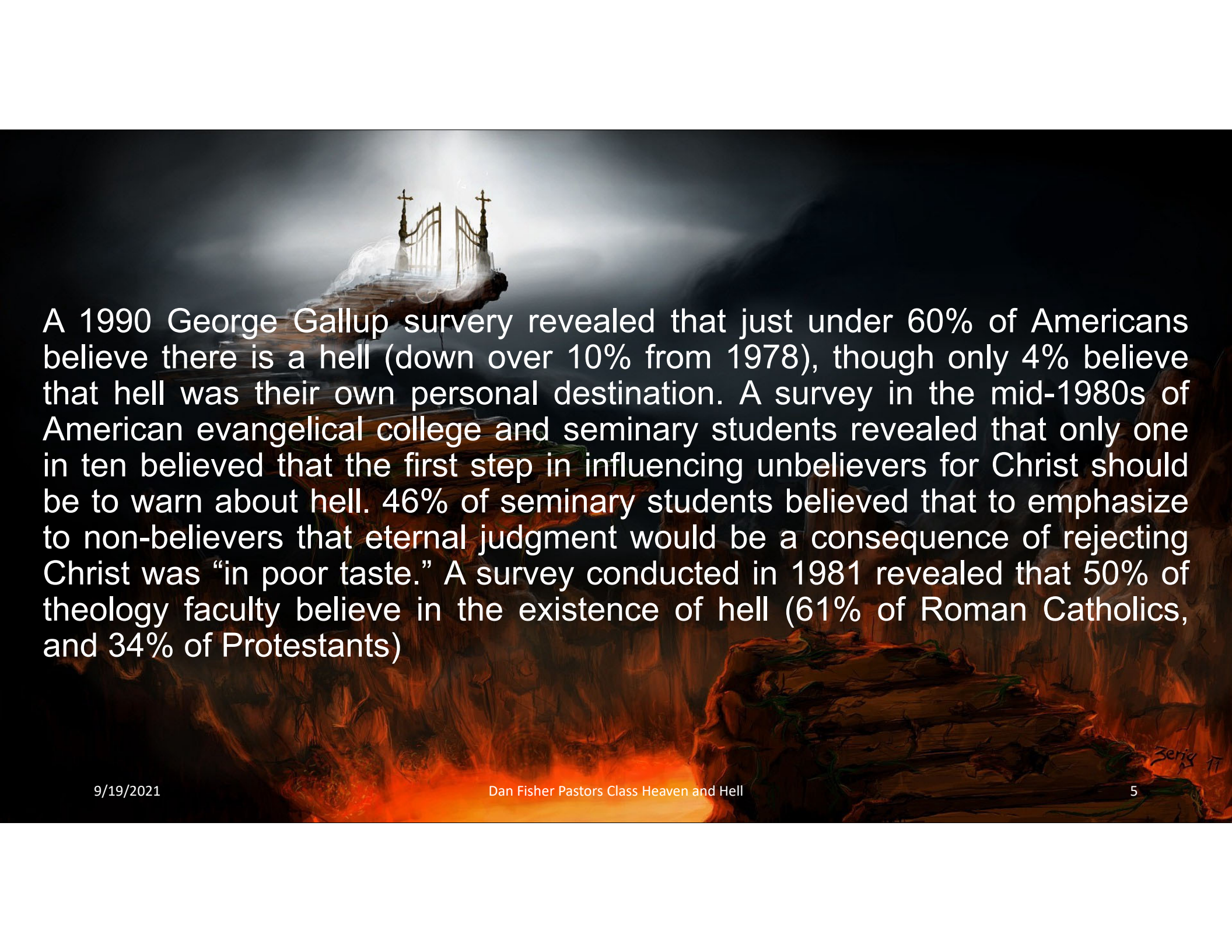
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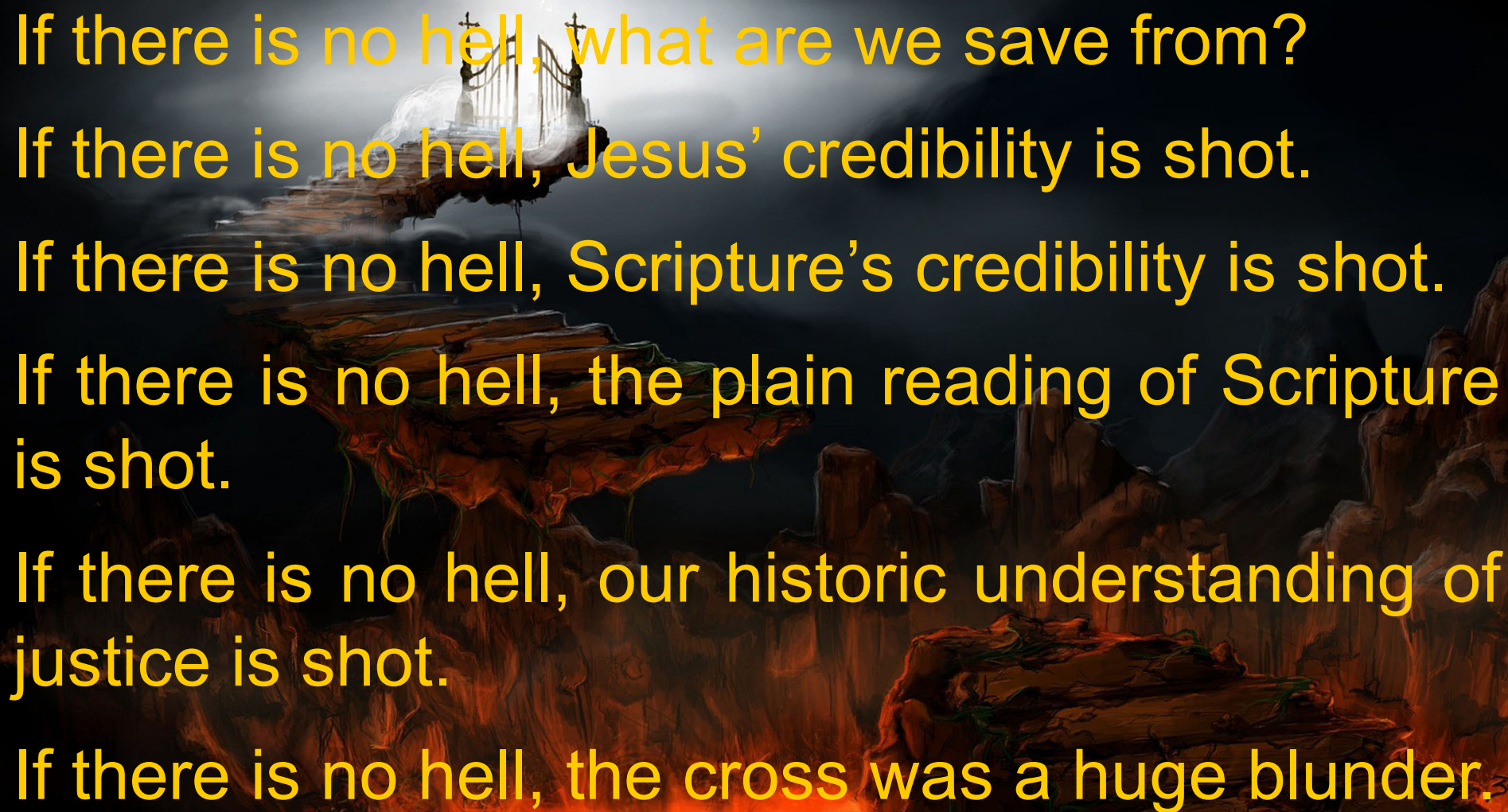


75%-85% of all Americans believe in hell  
Only 2%-4% believe they will go there when they die



A 1990 George Gallup survey revealed that just under 60% of Americans believe there is a hell (down over 10% from 1978), though only 4% believe that hell was their own personal destination. A survey in the mid-1980s of American evangelical college and seminary students revealed that only one in ten believed that the first step in influencing unbelievers for Christ should be to warn about hell. 46% of seminary students believed that to emphasize to non-believers that eternal judgment would be a consequence of rejecting Christ was “in poor taste.” A survey conducted in 1981 revealed that 50% of theology faculty believe in the existence of hell (61% of Roman Catholics, and 34% of Protestants)





If there is no hell, what are we save from?  
If there is no hell, Jesus' credibility is shot.  
If there is no hell, Scripture's credibility is shot.  
If there is no hell, the plain reading of Scripture is shot.  
If there is no hell, our historic understanding of justice is shot.  
If there is no hell, the cross was a huge blunder.



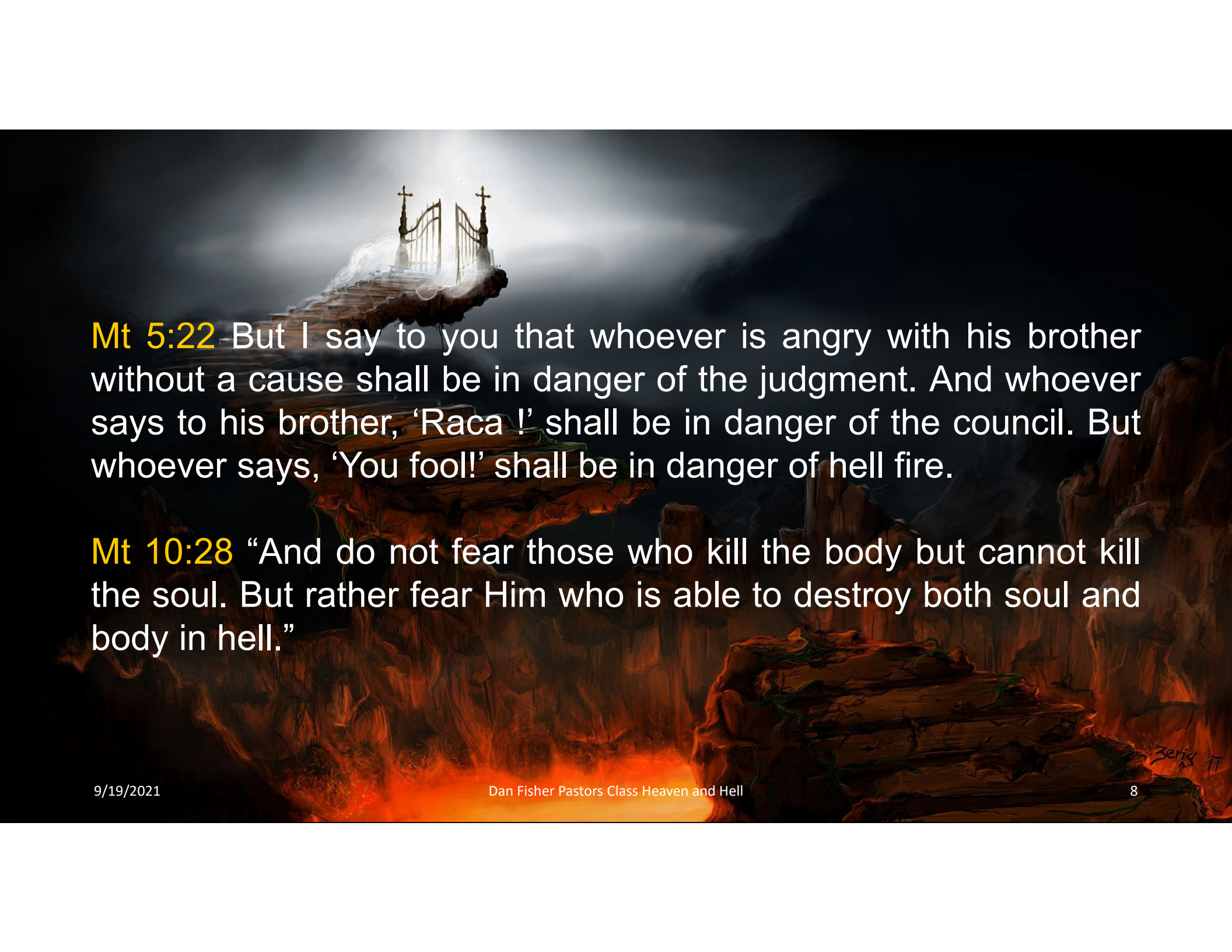
# 1. What Jesus taught about hell

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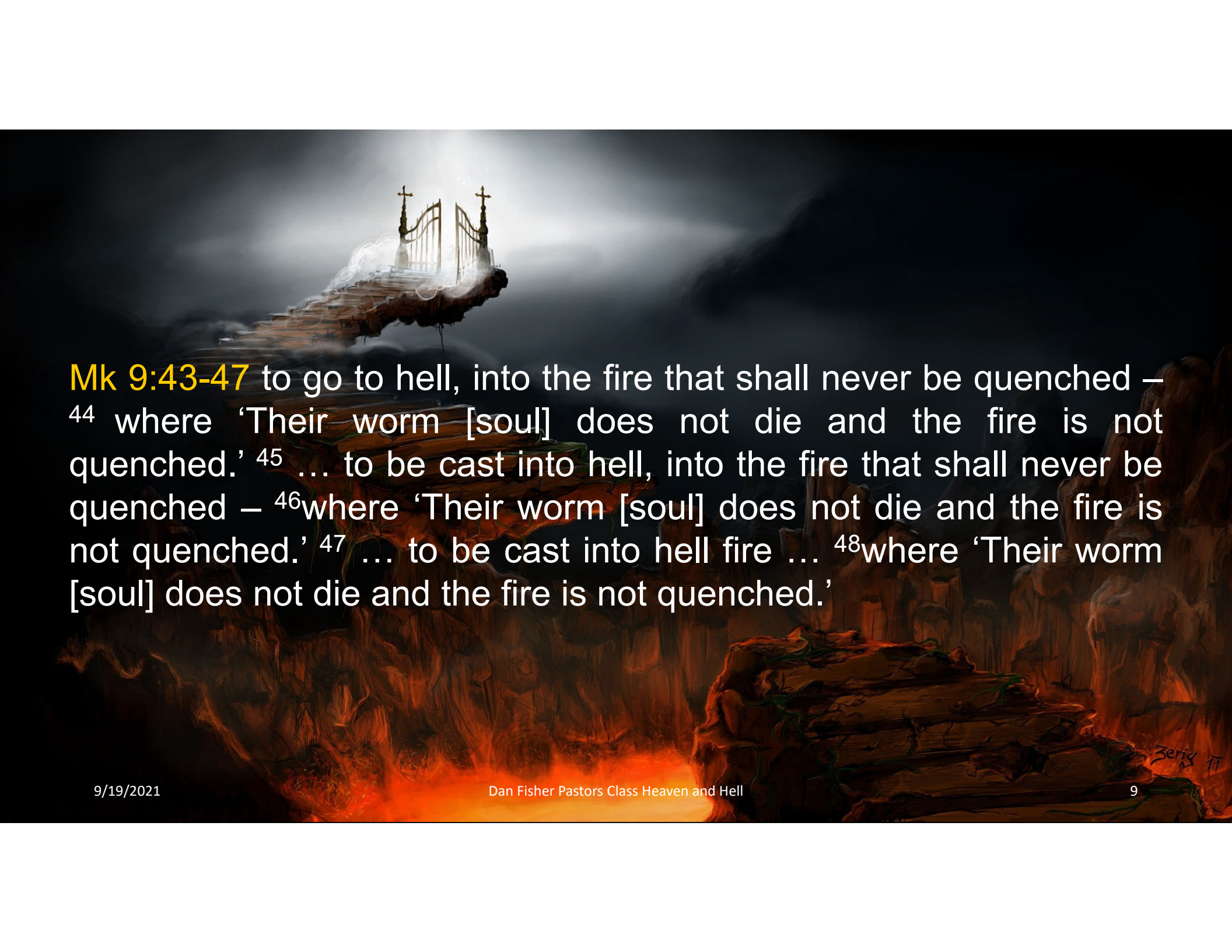




**Mt 5:22** But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca !' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

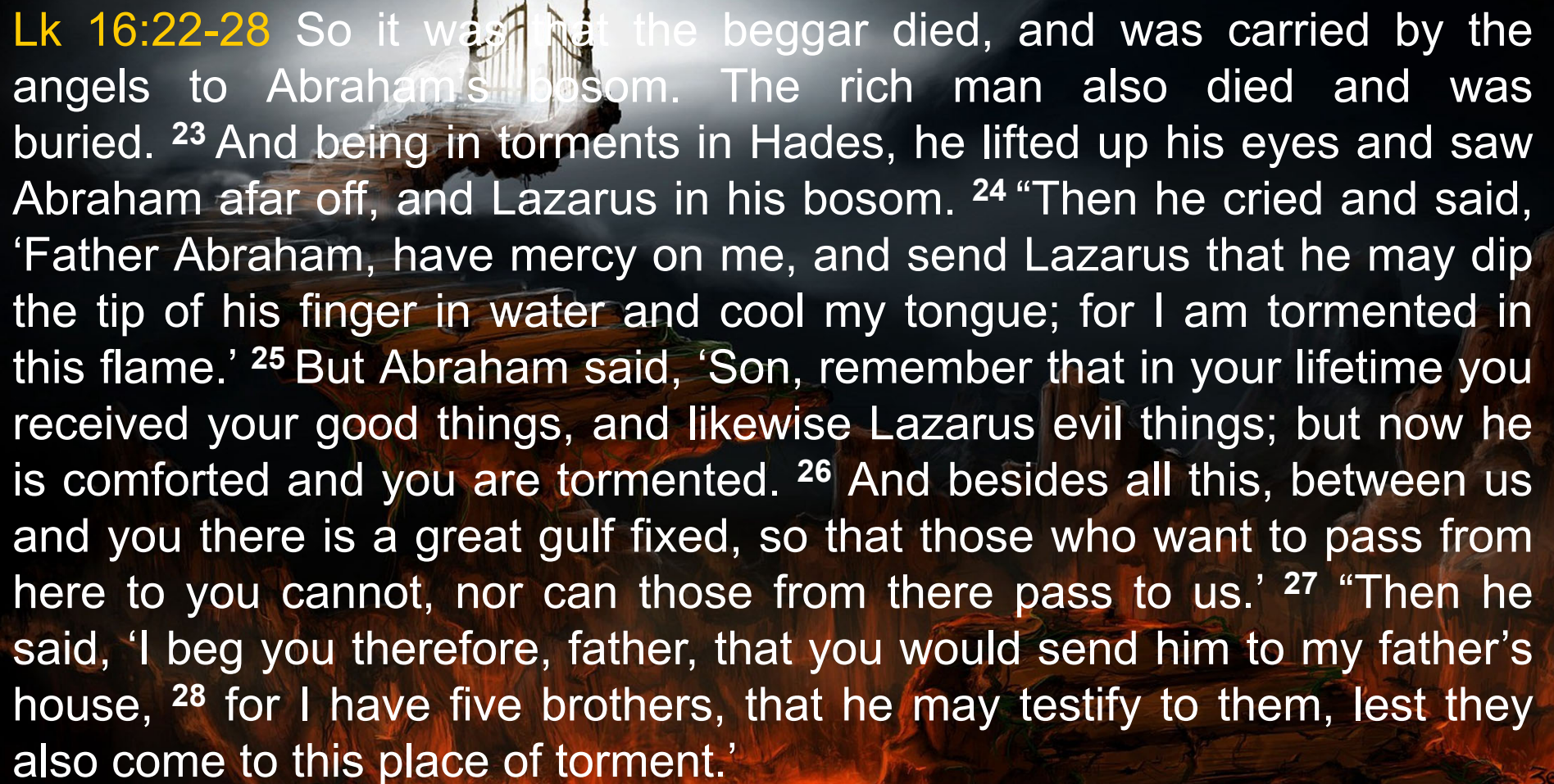
**Mt 10:28** "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."





**Mk 9:43-47** to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched —  
<sup>44</sup> where ‘Their worm [soul] does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>45</sup> ... to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched — <sup>46</sup>where ‘Their worm [soul] does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>47</sup> ... to be cast into hell fire ... <sup>48</sup>where ‘Their worm [soul] does not die and the fire is not quenched.’





**Lk 16:22-28** So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' <sup>27</sup> "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'





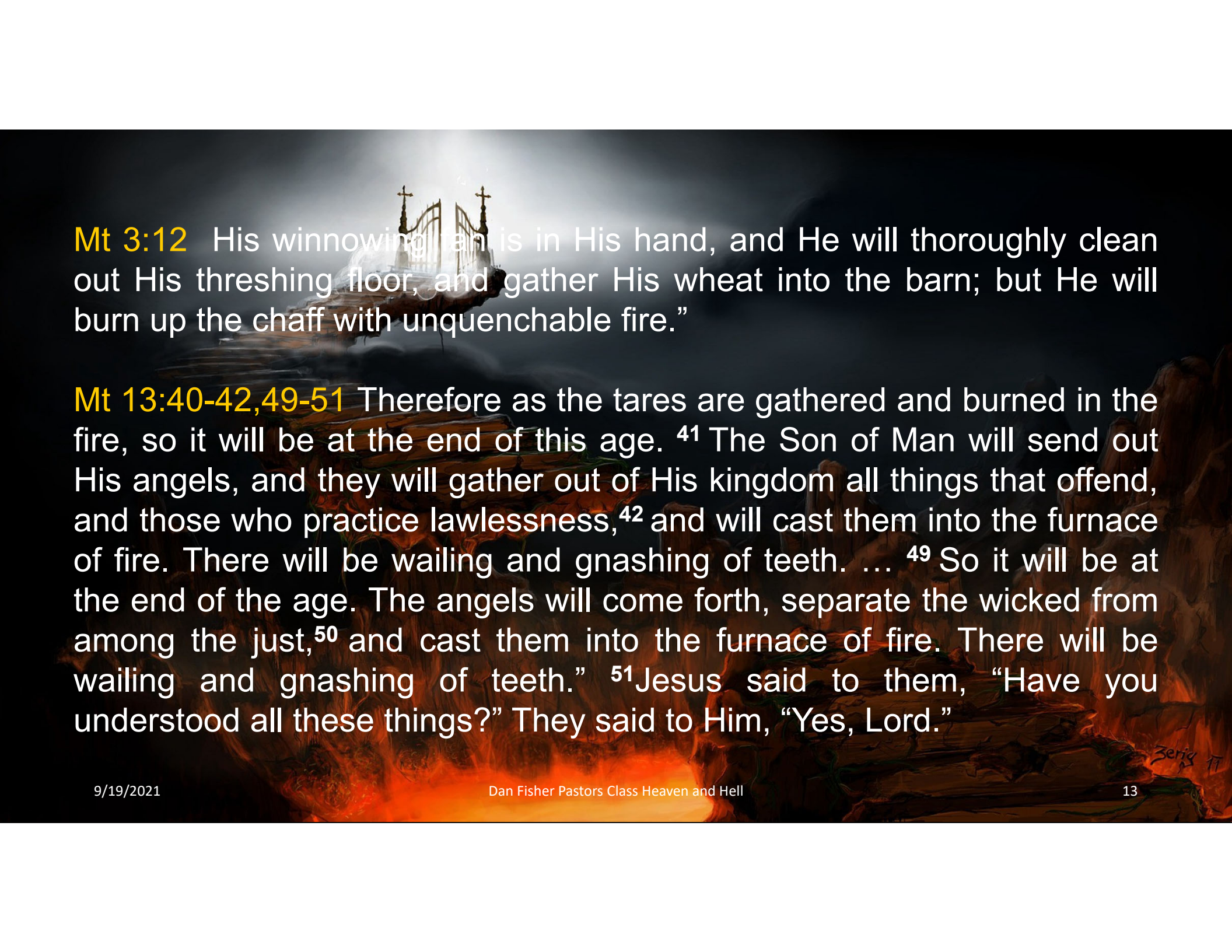
## Why I do not believe Lk 16:19-31 is a parable:

- It is not introduced as a parable
- Proper names are used – Lazarus, Abraham, Moses
- It is plausible that some of the parables were stories about “actual” people and events
- Even if Lk 16:19-31 is a parable, the essential elements of the story remain true





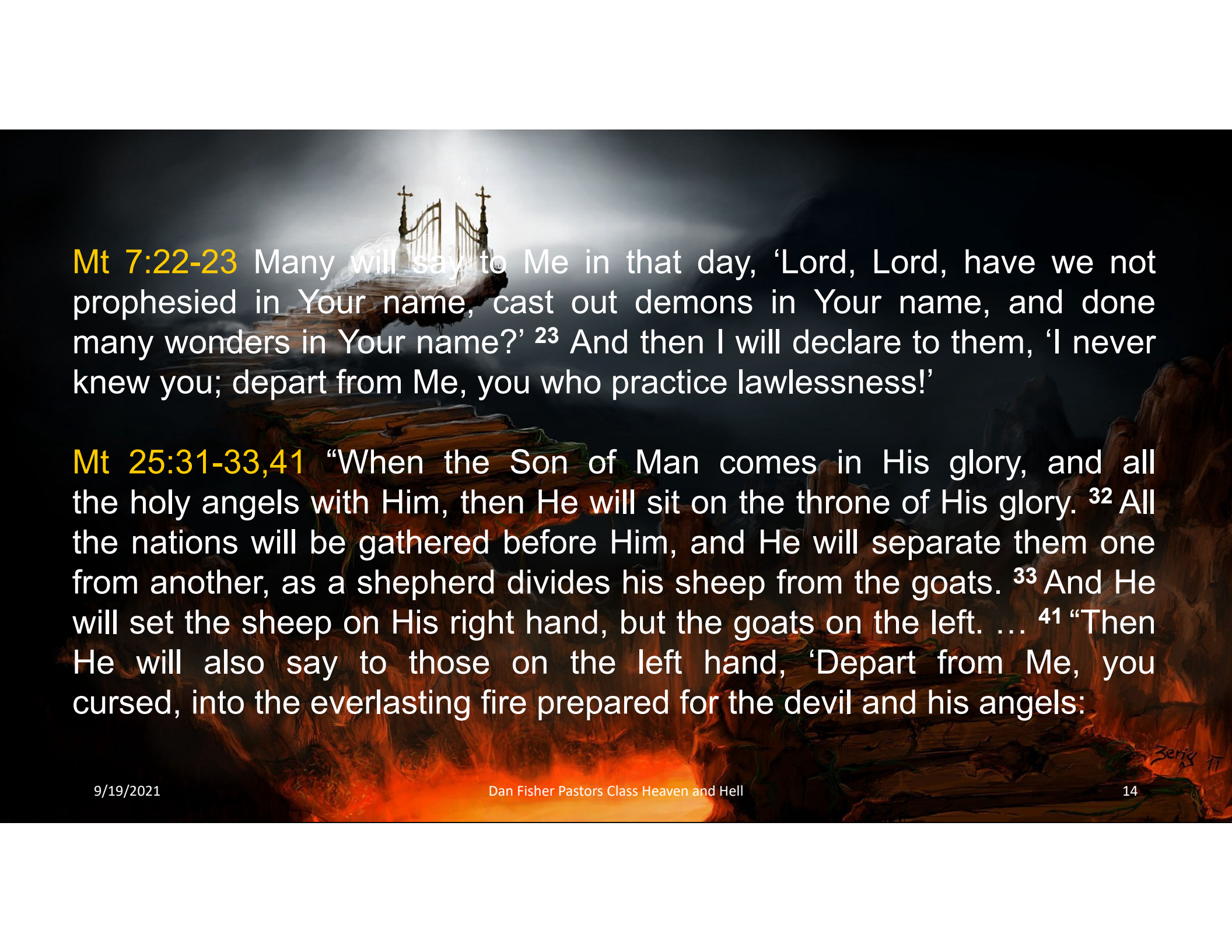
## 2. What Jesus taught about the judgment



**Mt 3:12** His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

**Mt 13:40-42,49-51** Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, <sup>42</sup> and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ... <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, <sup>50</sup> and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.” <sup>51</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you understood all these things?” They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”





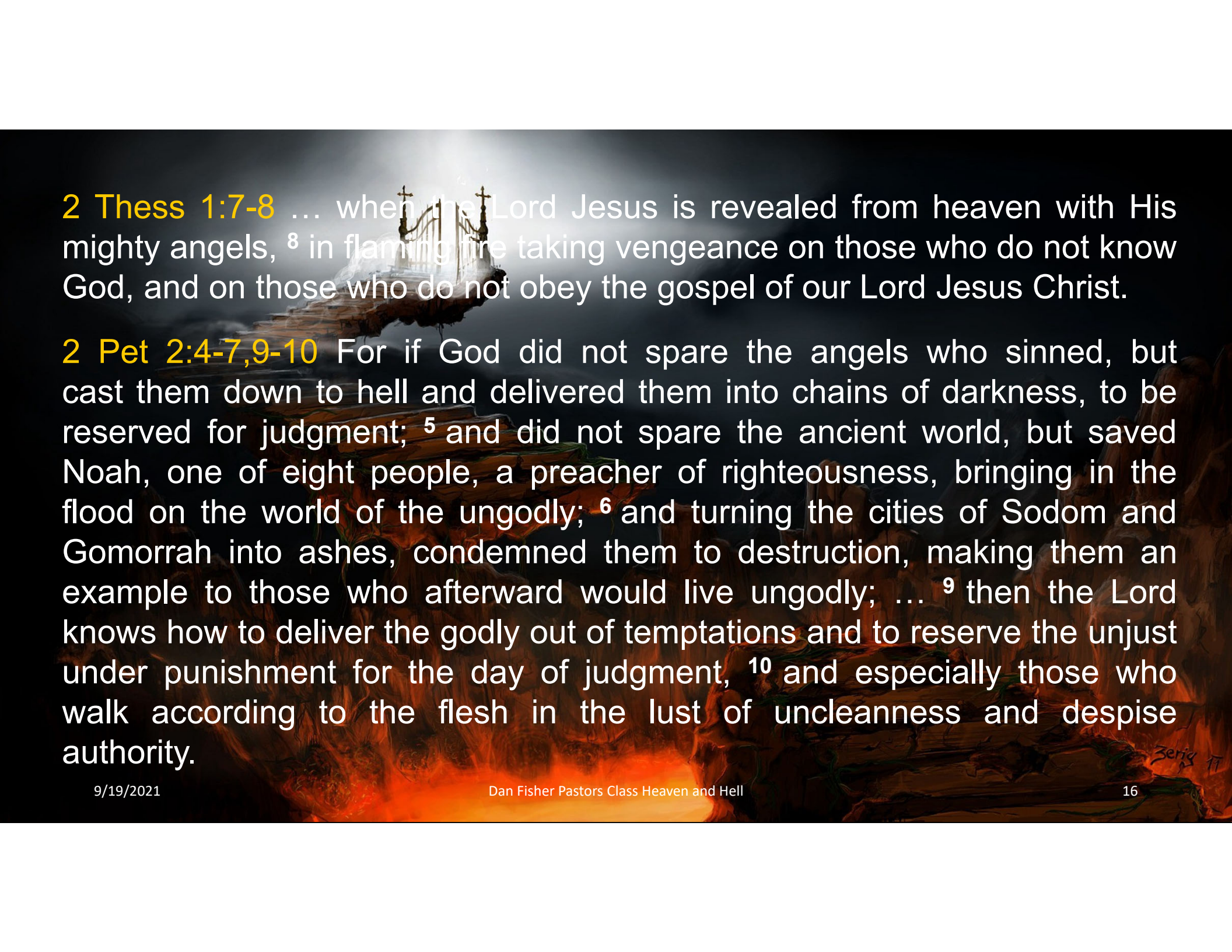
**Mt 7:22-23** Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

**Mt 25:31-33,41** "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. ... <sup>41</sup> "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:'




### 3. What other N.T. writers taught about hell





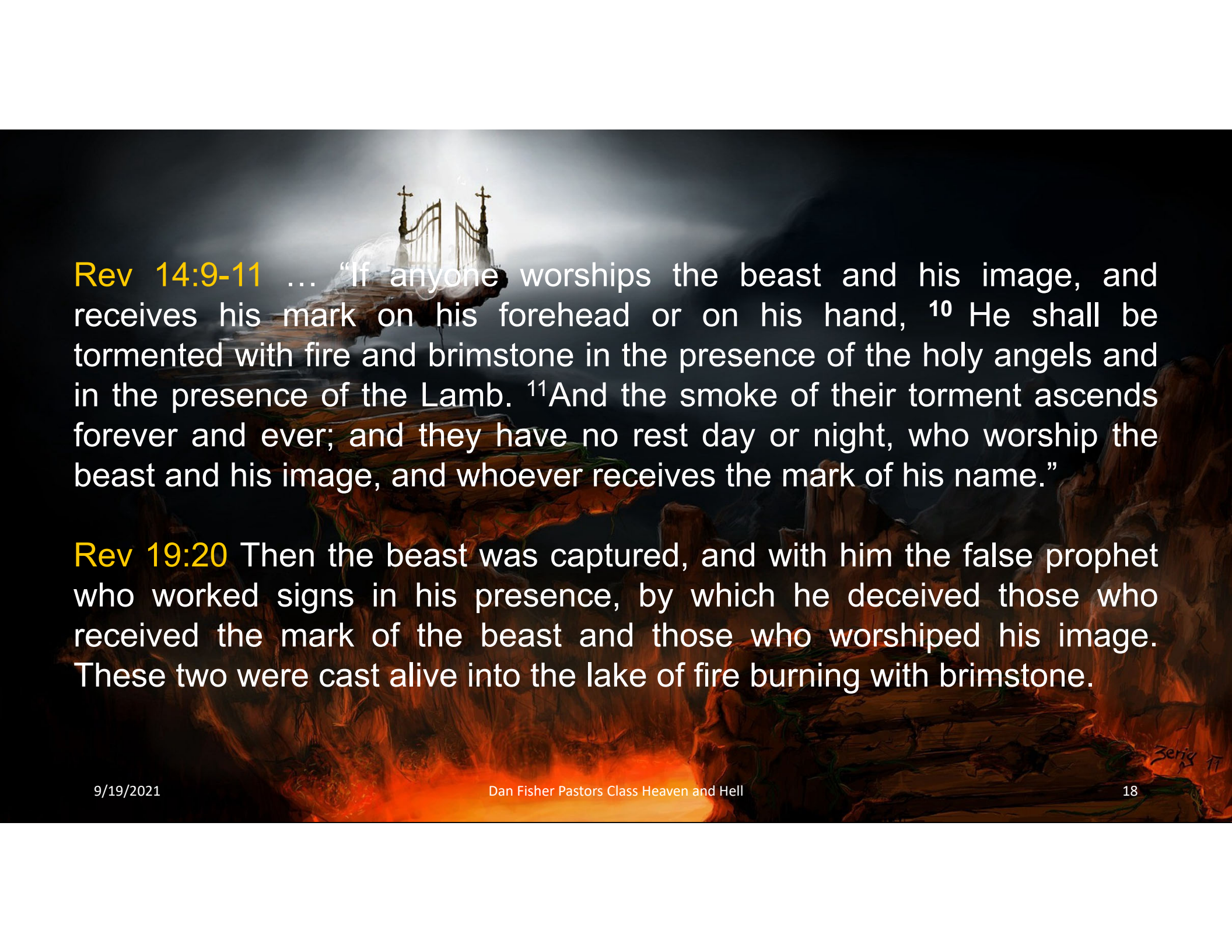
**2 Thess 1:7-8** ... when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, <sup>8</sup> in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**2 Pet 2:4-7,9-10** 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; <sup>5</sup> 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; <sup>6</sup> 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; ... <sup>9</sup> then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, <sup>10</sup> and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority.



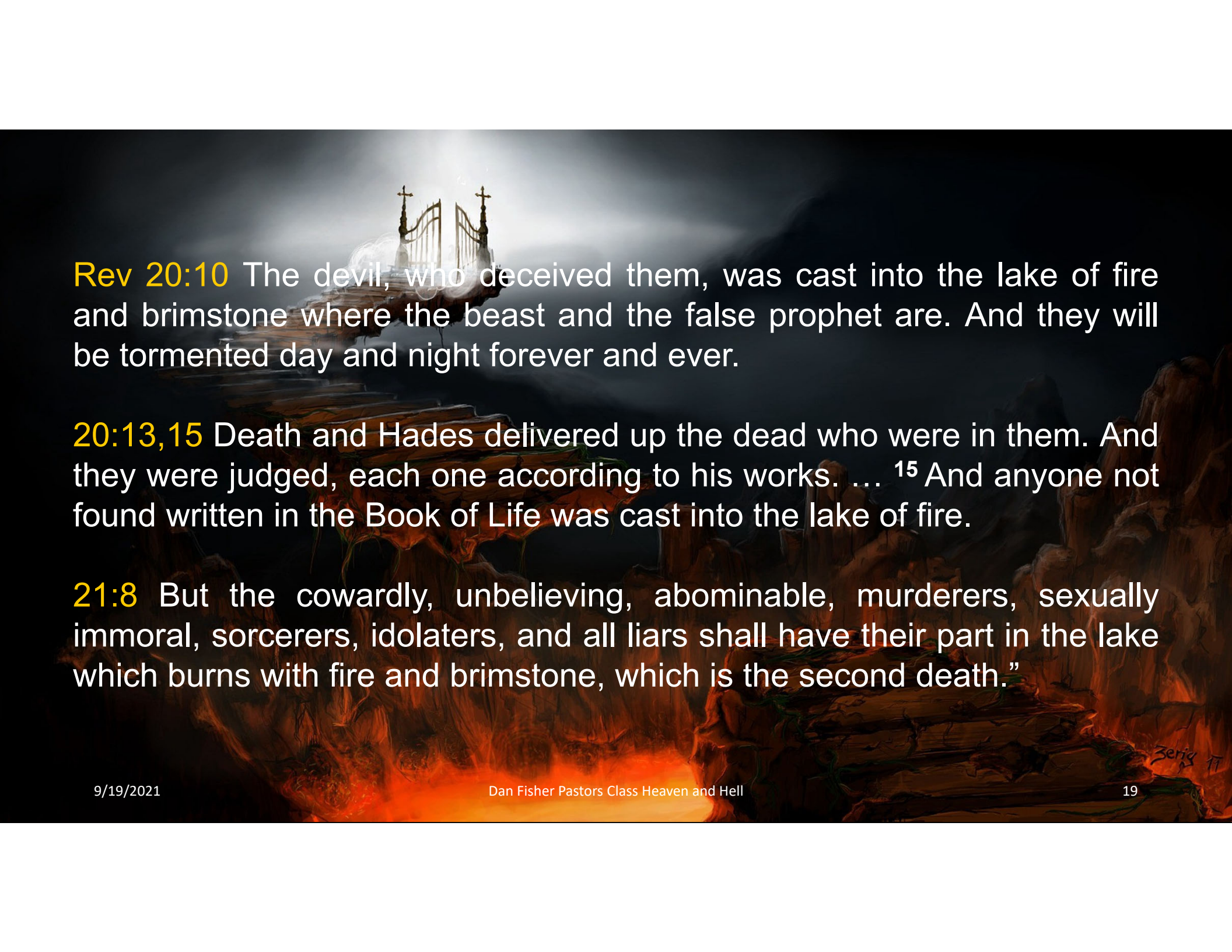
**Jude 1:7** as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.





**Rev 14:9-11** ... “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup>And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

**Rev 19:20** Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.



**Rev 20:10** The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

**20:13,15** Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. ... <sup>15</sup> And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

**21:8** But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”





If hell is not real, nothing in Scripture is real