

Why Obey God?

Ex. 5:1-2

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- 1) Fear of punishment – 2 Cor. 5:9-11
- Terror – Phobos – to be put in fear; alarm or fright: be afraid, exceedingly, fear, terror. (Strong's)
- Fear and terror were persuading factors used by the Lord, the apostles, and gospel preachers.

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- Deut 34:11-12 – Morah, mora, mowra. Fear; by imp. a fearful thing or deed: - dread, that ought to be feared, terribleness, terror. (Strong's)
- Ex. 20:20 – yara. To fear; to revere; cause to frighten, affright, be (make) afraid; dread; put in fear. (Strong's)

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- Punishment in hell is real (Mt. 25:41, 46; Lk. 16:23-24).
- It is a place of...
 - *Everlasting torment and punishment* – (2 Thess. 1:6-9; 2 Pet. 2:4-6, 20-21; Mk. 9:43; Rev. 14:10-11)

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- Anguish, Agony and despair – Mt. 8:12
- Separation from God – 2 Thess. 1:7-9
- The worst possible company – Mt. 25:41; Rev. 21:8
- Everlasting fire and brimstone – Rev. 20:10, 14, 15
- Never ending doom, death and destruction – Mk. 9:43-48

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- 2) Hope of reward – Heb. 11:24-26
- Reward is an enticing appeal – Heb. 11:13-16; Gal. 2:20; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; Rev. 2:10.

All of these men and women lived their lives in hope of something far better than this earth!

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➤ Appeals made in scripture

The Lord makes this appeal – Jn. 6:54;
10:28; 11:25; 14:1-4

Paul spoke of our victory – 1 Cor. 15:54-57; 2
Tim. 4:6-8

Promise – 1 Jn. 2:25

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Heaven is a place of...

- Everlasting bliss – Rev. 7:16-17; 21:4
- Fellowship in the light of God – Rev. 21:22-25
- The best company – Mt. 8:11; Heb. 11
- The “city four square”; a paradise – Rev. 21:16-21
- Eternal rest for the faithful – Rev. 14:13

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3) Love of God – 1 John 4:19

Love is reciprocal...

- God's part – 1 John 3:1, 16; 4:9
- Man's part – 1 John. 4:16, 19; 5:2