

JOEY FAUST'S 40 POINT LAKE OF FIRE/HELL FIRE CHALLENGE

The following is a reply to the challenge of Joey Faust's 40 proof texts (mostly unrelated to the issue of Christian's going to the lake of fire or to hell fire), said issue which Herb Evans previously raised, refuted, and demolished (with 30 plus proof texts) Joey Faust's "Christians Going to the Lake of Fire or Hell Fire" heresy.

Joey Faust: "Herb (Evans) likes to ask questions in public. But it is only fair that he *ANSWER* some questions, as detailed and as fully as I have answered his. He provided me with **32** Scriptures [**I numbered them incorrectly and there were actually 36 – Herb Evans**] that he interprets as denying a Christian can be temporarily punished at the Judgment Seat and banished in the underworld during the Millennium. These are answered in PT 1 of this reply. Below are 40 Scriptures which Herb should answer himself. Herb's *STRUGGLES* against these passages (if he even attempts an answer for each) will fully manifest the weakness of his view of the Judgment Seat and the Fear of God concerning believers. My view (Govett's, Pember, etc.) is the *ONLY* view that can receive the warnings at full face value, without denying salvation by grace through faith alone and eternal security."

Herb Evans: Joey's challenge is a watered down deception. First of all, Herb Evans did not ask Joey 30 plus questions. Herb Evans sent 30 plus proof texts with 30 plus proposed Joey Faust scenarios for gainsaying and explaining away those proof texts. Faust's response is so pathetic that I will let it stand next to my 30 plus proof texts as an expose' against him. Second, my proof texts had nothing to do with the JSOC nor any kingdom exclusion. They were direct challenges to Joey's heresy of Christians burning in hell or the Lake of Fire. So his tactic of veiling his hard core doctrine of "Believers in the Lake of Fire" and trying to obscure and avoid it and mask it with JSOC and kingdom exclusion rhetoric is abundantly transparent.

Joey's new 40 point challenge with proof-texts, for the most part, do not directly have anything to do with the Christians burning in hell or the lake of fire issue (that is the issue that Herb Evans raised, despite Joey's attempt to muddy the water), and for the most part, they are an outdated "lose your salvationist" list of proof-texts (with no rationale') that have been frequently dealt with by Christians in books before Joey Faust was ever born. They prove that Joey is following the pattern of the cults in using innuendo, inference, parables, and interpretive interpolations to promote his heresy. Joey tries to intimidate his opponents with a multiplicity of proof texts, which *DO NOT EVEN APPLY* to the issue at hand, thinking that his opponents will fear the burdensome task he gives them and quit.

None of Joey's 40 points mention the Lake of Fire with exception of one, which mentions the second death (#40 - Rev. 2:11) but does not say that any believers will be involved in that second death - only what will *NOT* happen to believers. Of the other 39 points, 16 are from the Gospels, 7 are parables in the Gospels, and 8 are KOH/KOG dialog, mostly in the Gospels.

Nine KOH/KOG Proof Texts

#2 Matt. 5:1-20 One deals with who enters the kingdom and who is greater and lesser in the KOH without mentioning the Lake of Fire or hell.

#7 Matt 18:1-17 One deals with Church discipline and how to treat one, who will not be disciplined and also who is greater with no mention of the Lake of Fire or hellfire.

#8 Matt. 18:21 One deals with a KOH parable in which a king delivered a servant, to the *TORMENTORS*, who owed him and applied it to those who refused those debtor brothers, who trespassed against them. This implies a purgatory in the Lake of Fire for believers to pay their way out for being unforgiving. The brothers in this parable must be Christian Brothers according to Joey and not merely Jewish brothers. No mention of the Lake of Fire or hell fire

#10 Matt. 25:19 One deals with the parallel parable that is also a misplaced time table that occurs after the great tribulation, long after the JSOC and tribulation period. No mention of the Lake of Fire or hell fire.

#14 Luke 12:41-48) One deals with the Joey Faust misapplied time frame parable, which occurs after the rapture and after the wedding in heaven (Luke 12:36) and the so-called JSOC banishment to the LOF.

#16 Acts 14:22 One deals with entering into the Kingdom of God with tribulation and is supposed to be in order to avoid the Lake of Fire and hell fire without ever having mentioned them.

#21 1 Cor. 6:7) One deals with the *UNRIGHTEOUS* and their sins not inheriting the KOG supposedly meaning believers in the Lake of Fire or hell fire (without them being mentioned), although the distinction is made that such were some of you. Such a Faustite view ignores the disclaimer in the passage, "And such were some of you: *BUT YE ARE WASHED . . .*"

#26 Gal. 5:19-21 One deals with certain sins, which prohibit inheritance of the KOG, which supposes that means the Lake of Fire or hell fire as the alternate destination, although they are not mentioned.

One Passage Denial Before Angels

#13 Luke 12:7-9) supposedly means not confessing Christ before men resulting in being put in the *FIRE* without mentioning it.

Two Passages Discussing Suffering

#18 Romans 8:1; 7; #34 2 Tim. 2:12 Supposedly demand mandatory Suffering with Christ or go to the Lake of fire or hell fire without them being mentioned

Four Warnings for the Potential Mixed Multitude

#35 Heb 6:1-8; #36 Heb. 10:24-31; # 37 Heb. 12:15; and #38 Heb. 12:25 These are supposed to be believers who are in danger of the wrath of the Lake of fire or hell fire to come and losing their salvation for one thousand years. Cults and "lose your salvationists" always run to Hebrews to prove such things.

Two Passages Contain Parabolic Proof Texts Containing the Word Burn

#15 John 15:1- 6 One of which has men **burning** the branches and not God, and thorns and briars are **burned** not sheep. No mention of hell fire or the *LOF*.

#19 Rom 11:19-22 One has the branches *BROKEN OFF* because of *UNBELIEF* and is construed to mean believers being cut off, which supposedly means the Lake of Fire or hell fire rather than death.

One Passage Has Parabolic Savorless Salt

#1 Matt. 5:1, 2 One's salt has lost savor, cast out, and trodden under feet of man – supposed to mean the Lake of Fire without being mentioned.

One Passage is Regarding Losing One's LIFE and Rewards

#6 Matt. 16:18-28 is about the about the Lake of Fire without being mentioned.

One Passage is about the Christian Temple of God Being Destroyed

#20 1 Cor. 3:17 is supposed to mean destroyed in the Lake of fire without it or hell being mentioned or explained how it is destroyed.

One "Woe Is Me" Passage by Paul

#22 1 Cor. 9:16 is supposed to be the Lake of Fire without it or hell being mentioned.

One Passage is Paul's "lest I be a castaway"

#23 1 Cor. 9:27 is supposed to be the Lake of Fire without it or hell being mentioned.

One Passage is about the Terror off the Lord

#25 2 Cor 5:9-11 is supposed that believers knowing the terror of the Lord, meaning the Lake of Fire without it or hell being mentioned

One Passage is about Sowing and Reaping

27 Gal 6:7 is supposed to mean believers sowing to the flesh resulting in the Lake of Fire without it or hell being mentioned

One Passage is Wrath on the Children of Disobedience

#28 Eph. 5:3-7 is supposed to mean carnal Christians, who partake of the enumerated sins and go to the Lake of Fire with them. (foolish talking or jesting?). Man, how easy it is to go to the Lake of Fire or hell fires a believer without even mentioning it.

Desire to attain the resurrection and High Calling

#29 Phil 3:10-14 is supposed to be the goal oriented prize is supposed to escape burning in the Lake of Fire or hell without them being mentioned.

Receiving for the Wrong Done

#30 Col 3:23-25 is supposed to mean the carnal believers' judgment at the JSOC and thrown in the Lake of Fire or hell fire without them being mentioned.

One Passage Cites Defrauding your Brother,

#31 (1Thess 4:6) is supposed to mean such believers will wind you up in the Lake of fire or hell fire without them being mentioned.

One Passage is salvation through Child Bearing

#32 (1 Tim 2:15) Supposedly one is to be saved in childbearing, if one continue in faith and charity and holiness and sobriety and working to keep saved or wind up in the Lake of Fire or hell without mentioning such. Well, I'm glad that does not mean me!

One Passage Has Widows Damned by Marrying

#33 (1 Tim 5:11) This supposedly tells us that the saved younger widows will wax wanton against Christ by marrying and casting off their first faith and supposedly be damned in the Lake of Fire or hell without either being mentioned. Damnation in the Hell or the Lake of Fire supposedly is the only kind of damnation in the Bible apparently.

One Passage Refers to Fiery Indignation

#36 (Heb 10:24-31) This is supposed to mean hell fire or the Lake of Fire. Sorer punishment than death under two or three witnesses is supposed to be the Lake of Fire without mentioning it. Real believers, here, are imagined to count the blood of His covenant an unholy thing and said to do despite unto the Spirit of grace.

One is the type of Esau

#37 Heb 12:15, 16 Believers being born after the flesh persecuting believers that are born after the Spirit gets you the LOF or hellfire. Esau could not repent or confess rejecting his birth right and is supposed to stand for carnal believers, who will be rejected and thrown into the Lake of Fire or hell fire although they are not mentioned.

One Passage Mentions Condemnation

#39 (James 5:9) Joey Thinks "condemnation" must always mean the Lake of Fire or hell fire. Joey sends believers to hell fire here for a grudge. All this without mentioning the Lake of Fire.

Joey Faust Hell Fire Passages that Actually Have Fire

Understand that Joey Faust changed his horses in the middle of the stream. Joey first wrote that carnal believers go to the Lake of Fire for a short while and are then taken out and placed in a subterranean hell fire in the earth. Later and lately, he is just claiming that carnal believers are punished by just getting dipped in the LOC and then put in the subterranean hell fire. The passages that Joey Faust uses to prove Christians go to the Lake of Fire that contain hell or hell fire are:

#4 Matt. 5:1-22, Well, Matt 5:22 is the only passages that even comes close to being able to be used to prove Joey Faust's heresy of carnal Christians going to hell or to the Lake of Fire and burned. Commentators have been fighting over them for centuries. My view is that the Lord was showing what trivial sins could send a man to hell in light of the current prevailing theory and even our modern theory. He was showing what kind of righteousness it would take to escape hell. It had to be righteousness exceeding that of the Pharisees. Praise the Lord for the imputed righteousness that exceeds that, the righteousness of the Lord Jesus, freely given to ALL Christians.

Mat 5:20 - 22 For I say unto you, **that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in NO CASE enter into the kingdom of heaven.** Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: **But I say unto you,** That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but **whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.**

(#5, Matt. 10:27 merely teaches to fear Him, who has the ability to put body and soul in hell. It does not say that Christians are put in hell or the Lake of Fire.

Mat 10:27, 28 What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

#7, 11, 12 Mark 9:38-49 (Matt 5:29, 30; Matt 18:8, 9) This passage and Joey's companions (#7, Matt. 18:1-17 and #4, Matt. 5:29, 30) shows by comparison the awfulness of hell. It certainly does not demand that carnal Christians cut their hands and feet off and pluck out their eyes to avoid going to hell.

Mark 9:43 - 49 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

Mat 5:29, 30 And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee,

cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

Mat 18:8, 9 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.

Luke 12:4, 5 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

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Heretic Faust is Like a Campbellite, who sees baptism every time that he sees water in the Bible. Every time Joey sees fire, punishment, stripes, and the word "burn," he thinks it means carnal Christians in the Lake of Fire. He thinks that his opponents must prove that these terms, wherever he finds them, must be proved that they do not mean carnal Christians in the Lake of Fire. Not so! The burden of proof is on Joey Faust, especially when no hint of Christians being burned in the Lake of Fire is found as such in any scriptures. Joey is reading that view into these passages. Joey is a heretic. Make no mistake about it. **NOTE:**

Matt 24:1-51 Joey's misplaced Time Frame is after 2nd COMING and the JSOC.

Matt. 25:19-30 Joey's misplaced Time Frame is after 2nd COMING and the JSOC

Luke 12:41-48 Joey's misplaced Time Frame is after 2nd COMING, the JSOC, and the Wedding and the Supper of the Lamb.

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