

The people who explicitly are sent to Hell in the narrative of the Sheep and the Goats as told by Jesus, **were believers** – Christians.

Matthew 25: 31-46 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him...

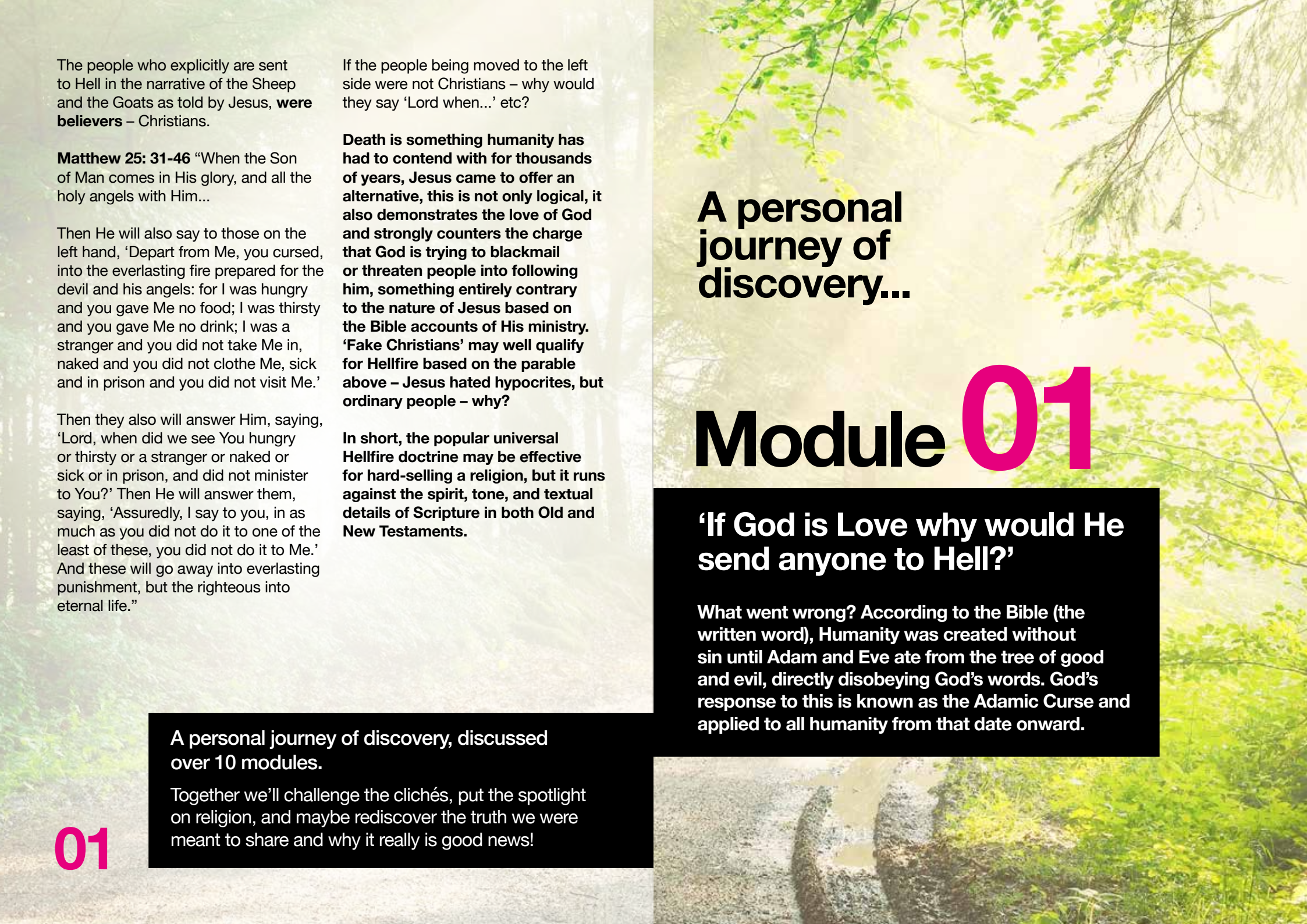
Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, in as much as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

If the people being moved to the left side were not Christians – why would they say ‘Lord when...’ etc?

Death is something humanity has had to contend with for thousands of years, Jesus came to offer an alternative, this is not only logical, it also demonstrates the love of God and strongly counters the charge that God is trying to blackmail or threaten people into following him, something entirely contrary to the nature of Jesus based on the Bible accounts of His ministry. ‘Fake Christians’ may well qualify for Hellfire based on the parable above – Jesus hated hypocrites, but ordinary people – why?

In short, the popular universal Hellfire doctrine may be effective for hard-selling a religion, but it runs against the spirit, tone, and textual details of Scripture in both Old and New Testaments.



A personal journey of discovery...

Module 01

‘If God is Love why would He send anyone to Hell?’

What went wrong? According to the Bible (the written word), Humanity was created without sin until Adam and Eve ate from the tree of good and evil, directly disobeying God's words. God's response to this is known as the Adamic Curse and applied to all humanity from that date onward.

A personal journey of discovery, discussed over 10 modules.

Together we'll challenge the clichés, put the spotlight on religion, and maybe rediscover the truth we were meant to share and why it really is good news!

Old Testament and God's Punishment

Genesis 2: 16-17 "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree in the garden, but you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Genesis 3: 6 "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasing to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."

Genesis 3: 16-19 "To the woman He said, 'I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in sorrow you shall bring forth children...

And to Adam He said, 'Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree, of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it,' the ground is cursed for your sake. In pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life. It shall also bring forth thorns and thistles to you... In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken. For dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

New Testament – Another chance; the offer of Salvation

1 Corinthians 15: 21 - 22 "For since death came by man, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive."

4 Hebrews 2: 14-15 "...that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

Revelation 21: 4 "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. And there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain..."

This future is what many Christians call 'Heaven,' but it is increasingly understood as a perfect, renewed heaven and earth, rather than a place 'up in the stars.'

The Covenants (agreements)

The 1st Covenant was with Abraham, who was to all intents and purposes a Gentile (Jacob had not yet been born - Lineage: Abraham -> Isaac -> Jacob/Israel)

Genesis 12: 1-3 "And the LORD had said to Abram, "...and I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great. And you shall be a blessing. And I will bless those who bless you, and curse

him who curses you. And in you shall all families of the earth be blessed."

This covenant was spoken to Abraham and extends to his biological descendants, which include: the later nation of Israel (through Jacob), many Arab peoples (through Ishmael and Keturah's sons), the Palestinians, and other populations who share paternal lineage back to Abraham.

The 2nd Covenant was made specifically with Jacob's descendants and is known as the Mosaic Covenant (established through Moses).

Exodus 19 4-6 "Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all nations; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

Exodus 24 7-8 "And he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, 'All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient.'" And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you concerning all these words."

This applied to descendants of Jacob only and included rules, laws, and customs which they were required to follow to remain within the covenant.

The Final Covenant with Christ Jesus is an offer to all of humanity that if they accept Jesus as their personal Lord and Saviour and try their best to live in his image, then he promises Eternal life (even after death), which is known as the 'Good News.'

THE CONTENTION:

Although anyone can accept Jesus and enter the Third (or final) Covenant, many do not. On this basis, everyone else including those in prior covenants remain under the original Adamic judgement, namely:

"For dust you are, and to dust you shall return."

Furthermore, Hell, as a place of eternal pain and suffering only appears in the New Testament and carries a specific purpose.

The New Testament promises eternal life to those who accept the covenant offered through Christ. It does not explicitly state that those who do not accept this covenant will be subjected to Hellfire. Nowhere in scripture does it state or imply that by a person simply 'not believing in Christ Jesus will be sent to Hell. Instead, it consistently teaches that those outside Christ remain under the original Adamic outcome; Death – and of course this is also what the majority of people correctly believe of their own fate.