

**How could a loving God, send people to hell?**  
**Duet 8:10-17**  
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Thesis: I want to show the truth behind such a statement; “How could a loving God, send people to hell?”

Intro: 1. Ever hear this question or a similar one?  
2. Its amazing that people view God in such a way.  
3. Its amazing...but not suprising. Finger pointing and questioning others is the way of life for many today.

I. Who does the Bible say will end up in hell?

A. **Psalm 9:17**

1. **The wicked – (from Strong’s) morally wrong; concretely, an (actively) bad person; condemned, guilty, ungodly, wicked (man), that did wrong.**
2. Forget God? – You cannot obey someone you have forgotten!

B. Those who will not change (repent).

1. **Malachi 1:6-7a; 2:17; 3:7; 3:8a**
2. When you refuse to see sin as sin, you will not be pleasing to God and you will NOT dwell with Him. (**Jeremiah 6:15**)

II. Is there a way to avoid going to such a place?

A. Questioning God’s love is not how you avoid hell!

1. **Malachi 1:2a**
2. Rebellion and blaming God will not save you; nor is it practical!

B. 3 Letters – R, O, or P

1. Repent – **Isaiah 1:18**
2. Obey – **Isaiah 1:19**

C. Or perish – **Isaiah 1:20**

III. The Reality

A. You condemn yourself

1. Sin separates man from God – **Genesis 3:24**
2. It always has – **Isaiah 59:1-4**
3. It always will – **John 9:31**

B. The sinner spends eternity in hell because of the actions & inaction in their own life.

1. God has told us only the righteous dwell with Him (**Psalm 15:1-5**)
2. We receive what is right (**Gal 6:7-8**).
3. According to man everyone will go to heaven; hell would be empty!
4. Christ is the judge, not man (**2 Tim 4:1; John 12:48**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. What is your destination?
2. On the judgment day finger pointing will not change your destination.
3. Only a righteous person will dwell with God (**Psalm 15:1-2a**)

#### 4. Full Invitation

##### God's plan for the alien sinner

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

##### Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9