

## Proverbs 22:2

***The rich and the poor have this in common, The LORD is the maker of them all.***

*“How can a loving God send anyone to hell?”*

Have you ever heard anyone ask that, or maybe you have thought it yourself. The truth is that God sends no one to hell. It's a choice that each and every person makes while they are on the earth.

*“Well, who in their right mind would want to go to hell with all the fire and torture and all they say is there?”*

Good question, yet thousands make that choice everyday to live up to their last dying breath going to hell.

*“Well, I think it's God's fault, because He made people good and bad, so why do those who are bad have to go to hell if God made them that way?”*

If you look at today's devotional verse which says: ***The rich and the poor have this in common, The LORD is the maker of them all.*** Now if you think about it, sure there are both rich and poor on this earth, and God made them both. But He didn't make them to be that way, it's a choice they have made by how they invest their money and getting the smarts to handle money in a way that they are either rich or poor.

But think about that same verse as this. *The good and the bad have this in common, The LORD is the maker of them all.*

Yes, God created everyone, but God did not create them to be bad or good. We are all created to worship God, but we are also created with a free will to worship God or not. Therefore each and every person makes a choice to be either, what we would call good or bad. Yet the bible says: ***For there is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin. Ecclesiastes 7:20***

As well as: ***for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23***

Yet God has given everyone a free will to make the choice to turn to His Son Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins or not. It's that decision that will determine their eternity in heaven or hell.

It's like you can't enter Disneyland without paying the price first. And say the cost to get in was a hundred trillion dollars, which no one on earth could pay. But if Mr. Disney himself sent his son to pay that price you would be able to get in. The only stipulation is you would have to spend the entire time with him in Disneyland, forever.

Well, maybe you hated or didn't like Mr. Disney's son, so you refused to go. Once again, that's your own choice, not Mr. Disney's, because he wants you to enjoy eternity in Disneyland with his son.

It's the same with going to heaven, the price to enter was beyond what the entire human race could pay. Yet God in His love, grace and mercy sent His Son, Jesus to pay the price so that we all can be in Heaven for eternity. Yet people refuse to go, because they refuse to give their life to Jesus. It's their choice, not God's, because He has made a way for all to enter into heaven, and even warns about the consequences of going to hell. Yet people choose hell and the devil over Jesus and heaven every day.

† **John 10:10** *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

It's your choice which you will believe, the thief or Jesus.

† **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 (NLT)** *That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: Fear God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty. God will judge us for everything we do, including every secret thing, whether good or bad.*