

## Proverbs 4:26

***Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.***

To ask the question, “*How could a loving God send anyone to hell*” would be like a murderer asking, “*How could a just system, send me to life in prison?*” In both cases, it’s the person’s choice of how they live that determines where they end up.

If you look at today’s Proverb again, which says, “***Ponder the path of your feet, And let all your ways be established.***” If People want to go to heaven, then why would they take the path to hell? It would be like if I gave you directions to go to the beach in Hawaii, but you decided you wanted to go your own way, which actually leads to the Death Valley, Arizona, and you took that way, knowing that was where it was leading you. Why would you blame me for you taking the wrong path? Am I supposed to go to Arizona to come and get you so that you could get out of the scorching heat of Arizona, which you willingly took the path to get to, so that you could enjoy the beaches in Hawaii?

If you think about it, that’s what Jesus did. He is the way (direction) to heaven, and He left perfect heaven to come to this earth, so that you could go to heaven. Yet how many still blame God or use the phrase that I mentioned at the beginning of, “*How could a loving God send anyone to hell?*” and blame God for their wrong choices? God has made the way for everyone to get to heaven, so He does not send anyone to hell, once again, it’s each persons choice.

“*Well, I don’t like the way He provided, I want to get to heaven my own way*” you may be thinking. So, you are telling me that you want to reject Jesus and God’s perfect plan of redemption, “***In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.***” **Ephesians 1:7** then you want to spend eternity in heaven, where you will see Jesus, Who will be ruling and reigning forever? Plus would you want to look at God for all eternity and tell Him that you don’t like His Son Jesus who died for you? Remember, Jesus would be standing right there next to God when you do say that. “***Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!***” **Acts 7:56**

I think the question isn’t, “*How could loving God send someone to hell*” but rather, “*How could a sinful man reject a loving God and be willing to spend eternity in hell away from a loving God?*”

† **Mark 7:9** *He said to them, “All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition.”*

† **1 Thessalonians 4:7-8** *For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.*