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Ozzy

Introduction

July 5, 2025, at Villa Park in Birmingham, England, as part of Black Sabbath's farewell event, Ozzy Osbourne sang his last song "Going Home". It was his last concert and his last stage exit. Seventeen days later, he took his last breath, and instead of exiting a stage, he entered eternity. He had said, "I've had great success in my life, but I've never felt great about myself, and so, from a very early age, I used to sniff fumes, all kinds of things, anything to get me out of my head." He then told a harsh truth, "Most of the people that I drank with are dead and the ones that aren't, that still continue to drink, are going to be dead soon."

For those who enjoy heavy metal music, this man, who was known worldwide as the "Prince of Darkness", was mourned in his death. He had lived for 76 years, a scant 27,760 days, and then was taken by death's cold, uncaring grip into an unending eternity. I would not be so foolish as to say where he is in the afterlife, for I have no idea of what his relationship was with the Almighty. I do know that anyone who acknowledged being a bad boy (by his own admission) he was a vulgar man, and being called the Prince of Darkness gives very little assurance of his spirit being in Heaven.

What if?

With the possibility that Ozzy had no time for God or Christ in life and died as he lived, in today's language, his karma is that God has no time for him. He who sang "Stairway to Heaven, Highway to Hell" has at this moment found himself in one of those two places. The life of Ozzy was like us all, a traveller on a road of life. As he travelled, he must have recognized that the duration of life was getting reduced by the hours, weeks, months and years. Where his destination was after death I do not know, but judging by his bent in life I must leave that with his own decision and His Judge.

Is there a place called Hell?

Let us be sure, this life, no matter how hard or sorrowful, it is not Hell. No natural disaster or agonizing pain is Hell on Earth. The only man who ever knew anything of Hell on earth was when the Lord Jesus was on the cross bearing our sins penalty. He told us what Hell was. It is to be God-forsaken, to be totally abandoned by God and have nothing of earth. Those in Hell have nothing to ease the pain, give solace to the mind, or shed a glimmer of life for escaping. Never again will there be heavy metal rock music, no more cheering crowds, no more drugs, parties, women or fast living, just a long unceasing existence under the judgment of God.

When Ozzy spoke of the people that he drank with as being dead, he did not realize that it was the body which was dead. At the moment of death the spirit was still alive and entered the blackness of darkness forever. It is a world of grief and remorse for utter stupidity in not considering what happens when this life is over. In words which cannot be

misunderstood, God in love warns the sinner saying, “The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he (the Christ rejector) shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night (Revelation 14:10, 11). There is no laughing, only weeping and wailing, some in rebellion and some in regret for their determination to be acceptable to God by church rituals and being a good neighbour.

God says:

The God who cannot lie very clearly and distinctly says: “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12) and that the way to fellowship with God is through the Lord Jesus who is, “the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6). There is no other door, no other way, no other guide to the realms of day. He tells of the urgency of the decision and the yearnings of His heart. It is written The Lord . . . is long suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9), and gives a welcoming invitation, “Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28).

I do not know where Ozzy is but this I do know: if he is in Hell, it is not God’s fault for He will have all men to be saved and there all the qualifications needed for the salvation of the individual who repents of their sins and accepts the Lord as Saviour.

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