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## Is Hell Empty?

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Father Robert Barron looks at the issue of hell and if anyone is there. The issue is not only fascinating, involving some of the most prominent theologians of our time, but I think Barron is doing something else that is really, really important. When was the last time you heard a sermon about hell, or heaven, or the last things? When was the last time you heard a sermon on the Creed? In this "Year of Faith" we should think about these things and we should hear sermons on these things. We all know catechesis has been shoddy. Here is how we change that, by preaching not only on the texts of the day, but on the central teachings of the faith. The danger of secularization is not only what is going on "out there" in the ambient culture. It is what goes on in our own minds, in our own attitudes. Barron helps invite us into a world in which we see things through the eyes of faith. This is good stuff.

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