

FOREVER AND EVER
The Reality of Eternal Heaven and Eternal Hell

LIFE AND THE AFTERLIFE

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What does Jesus want us to learn about life and the afterlife?

1. Learn the truth regarding earthly success.

"No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, were listening to all these things, and they were scoffing at Him. And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of men, but God knows your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God." Luke 16:13-15

A. Riches are a hurdle to heaven, not proof of assured entrance.

"How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were amazed at His words. Mark 10:23-24

B. Riches are to be used to honor God and help man.

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matthew 6:19-21

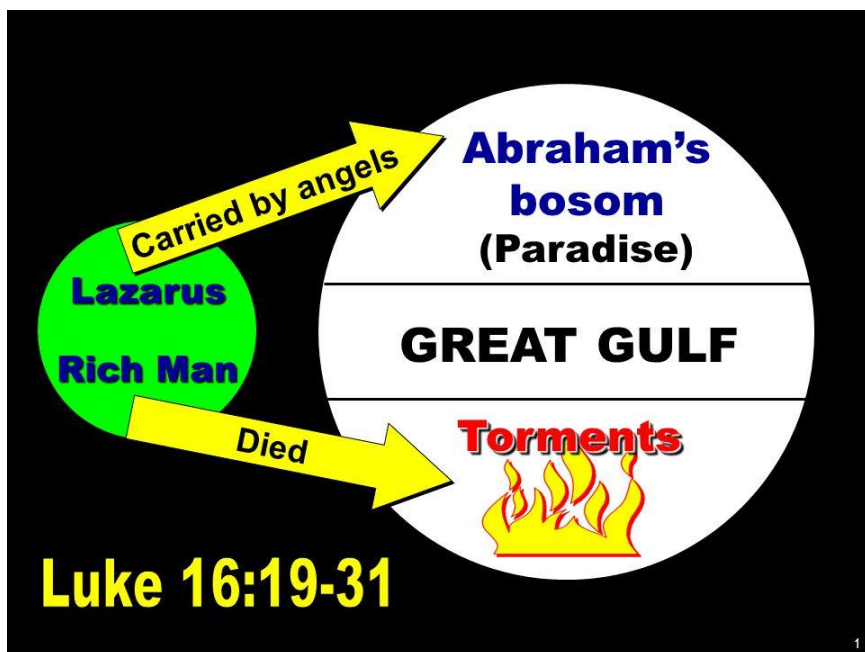
2. Learn the truth regarding life after death.

"Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried." Luke 16:22

A. Everyone dies.

And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment. Hebrews 9:27

B. Everyone lives eternally in either heaven or hell.



Therefore it says, "WHEN HE ASCENDED ON HIGH, HE LED CAPTIVE A HOST OF CAPTIVES, AND HE GAVE GIFTS TO MEN." Ephesians 4:8

3. Learn the truth regarding hell.

"And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in this flame.'"

Luke 16:23-24

A. Hell is a place of torment, agony, and fire.

B. Hell is a place of awareness and remembrance.

"But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.'" Luke 16:25

C. Hell is a place of eternal punishment.

"And if your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life crippled, than having your two hands, to go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, where THEIR WORM DOES NOT DIE, AND THE FIRE IS NOT QUENCHED." Mark 9:43-44

D. Hell is a place for all who refuse to listen and repent.

"And he said, 'Then I beg you, Father, that you send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' "But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' "But he said, 'No, Father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!' "But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone rises from the dead.'" Luke 16:27-31

Your decision on earth determines your destination forever.