

# After Death—What?

## What Happens after We Die?

### Luke 16:19-23

One of the most sought after answers in this life is what will happen after it is over. The Bible does address the subject in such a way to allow several points of truth to be gleaned. However, as with all such “eternal” subjects, our questions will always exceed our knowledge—at least for now.

#### Things we can Know

- **James 2:26**  
For just as the **body** without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.
- **Luke 16:22-24**  
"Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. "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 so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'
- **II Corinthians 5:1-4**  
For we know that if the earthly **tent** which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For indeed in this house we groan, longing to be **clothed** with our dwelling from heaven, inasmuch as we, having put it on, will not be found **naked**. For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be **clothed**, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life.
- **John 14:2-3**  
"In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to **prepare** a place for you. "If I go and **prepare** a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.
- **I Corinthians 15:52-54**  
... in a moment, in the **twinkling** of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on **immortality**. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on **immortality**, then will come about the saying that is written, " DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.
- **I John 3:2**  
Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We **know** that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.
  - **cf. Luke 24:39**  
" See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a **spirit** does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have."
- **I Thessalonians 4:16**  
For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we

who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

- **Revelation 1:18**

and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the **keys** of death and of Hades.

- **Revelation 20:13**

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and **Hades** gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and **Hades** were thrown into the lake of fire This is the second death, the lake of fire.

- **Corinthians 5:10**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his **deeds** in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- **Matthew 7:21-23**

" Not everyone who says to Me, '**Lord, Lord,**' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. " Many will say to Me on that day, '**Lord, Lord,** did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; **DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.**'

- **Matthew 25:46**

"These will go away into **eternal** punishment, but the righteous into **eternal** life."

- **Revelation 20:11-12**

Then I saw a **great** white throne and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the **great** and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds.

- **Matthew 25:34**

"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are **blessed** of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

- **Matthew 25:41**

"Then He will also say to those on His **left,** ' Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels..."

- **Revelation 22:1-2**

Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street On either side of the river was the **tree** of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the **tree** were for the healing of the nations.

After we die we go to await Judgment Day in a place where our spirit will wait to be re-clothed with an eternal body. Then we will be with Jesus forever in a place He has especially prepared for us!

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