In the bible, In Luke 16_19 Jesus told the story of Lazarus...

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are you doing Welcome to Lawson translation again, thanks for joining us. I do want to say, my hello to my friend bruke in Israel, how you doin, Brooke?

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Shalom, Ronnie I'm doing well thank you.

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And we're gonna we're gonna study in the book of Luke, open your Bible, if you want to follow along, chapter 16, verses 19 through 31. A great story in the Bible. And we want to start off with the first character in the Bible, this rich man that's the Bible emphasizes, and it says that he's dressed in purple, does that mean anything?

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Well, as as we were talking, perhaps that means that he had a position of authority that he had some leadership position within an area or such. So I'm glad that you pointed out that is very significant.

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Yeah, because he's definitely going to be different than our second character, Lazarus. And I know in the Hebrew I had to read, look that up the meaning of that means one who God has helped, is that a good

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yeah, it probably in the Hebrew, we would call his name, Al Azhar. That's biblical name, meaning God has helped. And it's kind of unusual, because if God has helped him, Why is he in such this, this situation that we're going to see that he's in, but we always want to look at things from a eternal standpoint. And even though this man was suffering, we're going to see that that soon, he is in a wonderful place. And I'm sure that that for his eternal future, he's not going to be thinking too much about one on what went on in his life, that limited time that he was in this world.

And that was going to be one of my questions, too, is that as we get into this, we're going to see that people put too much emphasis on this world, where and I've heard you teach where we really need to be focused on the eternity the kingdom. So the second part is, again, Lazarus. And here, here's the one to lay the story out this foundation of the story.

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Well, you have a rich man who has everything that one could want from a worldly standpoint. And he utilize that the scripture says that, that daily, he delighted himself, that he lived in luxury. And every day was a special day for him of just living it up with all the things that this world could offer. And he did that. And in comparison to that, we meet that other gentleman who is called Eleazar, Lazarus. And he was was poor. We know he was a beggar. And we know that he had physical pains, his body was plagued with source. And, and so the difference between them couldn't be more. And the last thing I want to say, as we set this up, is that many people call this a parable. Perhaps it is. But when we look at it, it's never said in the text that this is a parable. I liked what you said, this is a story that you show us telling. And I believe that it's a real event, that he's telling us truth, that we should look at this and learn from it as as something that is genuine, something that is is accurate, in what he's sharing with us.

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And again, I think as the story unfolds, we're gonna see how the Old Testament and the New Testament how how the writer Luke pulls the things that he knows about the Old Testament into this story. It's a great way to tie these two together. I don't want to get too far ahead. So again, Lazarus, here we go. This this story unfolds, how Lazarus was always at the gate, and he wanting only to eat the crumbs from the rich man's table. That's how hungry he was. And And so basically, unless you want to say anything else, they both die, and I hate to jump like that. But what do you think?

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Well, first of all, gate now normally we're speaking in the Scripture and where this is relevant, the gate of a city, but gate is a term for justice. And so Lazarus was seeking justice you know, you're very, very accurate when you're saying that that loop the the rider here is, is Three things from from the Old Testament. That's enough the Hebrew Bible. And when we look at date in the Scripture, it's a place of, of judgment. And this is what he wanted. He wanted justice. This man had so much, and Lazarus had nothing. He's suffering. And you pointed out, he's so hungry that all he wanted was was what the dogs get dogs eat the table scraps, says he would have been so happy with just the crumbs that fell from the table. So he wasn't trying to take something that someone else needed. And he's living, apparently, at this gate, among the dogs, that's where the dogs were. And dogs were seen, not as they are today, in our society, in Western society, as you know, pets and loved, oftentimes dogs were they served a purpose or they were simply just on the streets. And this man is well on the streets, baby.

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Well, it also talks to you already mentioned that the dogs came and licked his sores, as he was laying there at the gate. And so we know these in a lot of pain. So this beggar died, this man Lazarus, tell us what happens to him.

Well, one point we see that the dogs shown shown more care and compassion and mercy than the rich man did. So but eventually you're right, the the Lazarus died, and God ministered to him, the angels went and he took Lazarus to a place. Now this is where it gets important, because historically, we have a word and it appears, the term shall show Oh, is simply the place from an Old Testament standpoint, where dead people want, no matter who they were, what they believe Jew, Gentile, male, female, have faith or no faith. They all want to show but we see show, before the ascension of Messiah show was was broken into two compartments, two places. One was called Hades or hell, gay, GNOME and Hebrew. And it was a place as this text teaches us, a place of torment of great suffering of great agony. And between this place, gay, GNOME or hell. And the second place, there was a large chasm so people couldn't go from one to the another. The second place is called in Hebrew, the first one gay GNOME, hell, the second one, kick, Avraham, which many times people will translate that parallel Paradise, and it's not referring to heaven. Sometimes people get confused between heaven and Paradise to different places. Messiah said to the man on the cross next to him to one of them. Today, you'll be with me in paradise. He wasn't speaking about heaven. He was speaking about Keck, Avraham, or Abraham's bosom as I think many scriptures translated. And why call it that? Well, when we talk about click, we're talking about this, this part here. Now, if you do this, most people if they want to point to the heart or touch their chest, referring to the heart, love something like this, we're speaking about the heart of Avraham and heart is how one thinks. So people who went to pick Avraham, they, they had a faith. In other words, they thought like Abraham, and what was God's promise to Abraham, a seed, and through this seed, one could be bless, bless, eternally. Paul tells us in Galatians, chapter three, verse 16, that this seed of Abraham is really the Messiah. So the people who went to kick, Avraham believed in the Messiah believe that there was a redeemer, but they did not know who this Redeemer would be. They did not know obviously, before your show was, was was born and he did his work, people didn't know his thing. And therefore people who had faith in the promises of God, faith like Abraham, that God would redeem and God would justify, they went to heck, Avraham, people who had no faith in the promises of God, they went to get a gnome, hell, or Hades at some Bible translated, and there was a separation between them.

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Well, that and you got all that out of this scripture. And this is the great thing about translation and knowing the Old Testament and the New Testament, how it's all tied together and He laid this great foundation of these words, because it just jumps in Scripture, it says in mind, Abraham's bosom. That's a great explanation how to do that. I want to ask you, you said that God ministered to Lazarus. Is that because the angels carried him to Abraham's bosom?

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Exactly. And you can't get there naturally. Now you may have to die. But you can't get to arms bosom, in the flesh. Naturally, it's for the soul and a soul that contains faith. And then we know as well, there's another death, correct?

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Yes. And if you don't believe in Yeshua, this is where you're going to end up.

Yeah, this this one, the the rich man, he also died. And we don't see anything about angels doing anything. It just says he was buried. Right, and he dead buried and his soul wound up in this place. I want to emphasize this a place of torment, a place of agony. And he was suffering there intensely.

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Yeah, in a, you said, torment. And if you look that word up, or torture or being tortured, I mean, he this guy, it's not a place anybody wants to go. And we don't know a lot about this ruler, and if he had an opportunity, but we're assuming back in that time period, that he had an opportunity, at some point to know your shoe may be or he heard the word. What do you think

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it here again, here again, I believe that this probably was something that that was before you show us incarnation. We don't know this, but but the point is, at this time, we're not talking about the gospel. We're talking about the promise that God made to Abraham having a covenant relationship through faith, which lays the foundation for the gospel, we'll get to the gospel, but right now, is just saying, I believe God, I believe what God says is true. And God promised blessing, a kingdom blessing through faith. This is the message of the Old Testament fact. This is the message of the Torah. Now not to get ahead of ourselves. But we're going to see towards the end of our study, and it's a discussion tonight, we're going to see that that the Torah, the law of Moses and the prophets are going to be to be emphasized. And we're going to know something I can answer your question. Did this rich man know about the Bible? Yes, he did. How? Well as we go on the on in the story, and I believe it's a historical story, not just a make believe one. But but we find that the man called Eleazar, Lazarus is in Abraham's bosom. And we find that the rich man, he was buried, and He found himself in torment in gay gnome and help. But what does it say? It says he looked up, and we see two things. He saw Abraham. So he knew a little bit about the Bible, because he was able to recognize Avraham. And then something else that's very telling. See, someone might say, well, this rich Ben didn't know about Eleazar. They didn't know about his plight maybe would have helped him. But he looks over and he sees Avraham. And he also sees Lazarus. And what did he want? So interesting. All this time that this rich man could have been helping Lazarus, he did nothing. He knew about him. Now we know that he did nothing. But when he's in stuff, suffering when he's in pain when he's in torment. He asked, Father Abraham, that's how he dresses him, father, Abraham, send Lazarus over to help me to cool my tongue because I'm in agony. So we see something, he wanted help, but he wasn't willing to give help. And there's that very important principle in the Scripture, the measure that you use, your actions and such are going to be measured back to you. He didn't give help, and he didn't receive them.

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And that's really important, and we can use that today. Right? I mean, to be doing that even part of that great commission wasn't only to spread the gospel, but you know, as we go in on the shows, love one another, take care of one another. You know, sharpen iron sharpens iron, be with one another. So anyway, not to go too far into that. But you know, I like how you said he cried out father Abraham. And so he did know about the Bible and he was he knew enough to know Abraham. And then so obviously, this is in the spirit world and Abraham's there and being able to communicate is that is there anything into that that you More than that, or is it just there in the spirit world being able to communicate?

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Well when you say spirit we're there in Shell shows a real place it exists today now something and we'll get ahead of ourselves but, but after your shows resurrection and ascension today, we see something different. Today, there is no longer any Peck, Avraham, Isaiah tells us that the borders of Shoal were enlarged meaning and here they're talking about Shoal in the place of of torment. There is no longer a heck Avraham, we don't need that in south part of God's plan right now. It ended. Why? Because with your show, and we talked about we get to the Gospel, with your shoe, his work, the Gospel, death, burial and resurrection. When someone believes in the Gospel, what Messiah did they when they die, they don't go to heck, Avraham, they go to heaven. Now, there's another important point that we see here. These people who teach so sleep, meaning that someone dies right now, and they're just in kind of a state of limbo, they don't have any knowledge. They're just, they're so asleeping there's nothing in the Bible that speaks to that. Now, people will say, but death is oftentimes spoken of asleep. Yes, but for a different reason. And that is death related to sleep. Let me ask you a question. Ronnie. You always asked me questions. I'm gonna ask you a question. When when you go to bed at night. You know, a lot of people set alarm, or they have an idea that that in the morning, they're going to do something so you go to sleep at night, you're sleeping. What do you expect? In the morning?

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I expect just to wake up.

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Thanks, man. Great, great answer to wake up. Now, this is why death is spoken of in Jewish literature, and also in the Scripture as asleep, because it's not final just like, you go to bed, you expect to wake up in the morning. It's not the end of Ronnie when he goes to bed. There's a new day, when that same way. Death was spoken of asleep because you're going to wake up, death is not permanent. Death is not final death is a transition. Just like you sleep to wake up. So there's going to be a waking up. And that waking up what does the Scripture say? Says it's appointed and demanded die once and after the judgment. We pay close attention. It's not talking about some distant time but but there's a judgment soon after death. Whether you're gonna be brought into the kingdom of heaven or not. So we don't see that people sleep. We know something was was this rich man asleep and show? No, he was in torment and offer him in Avraham his bosom this place of paradise? Was he asleep? No. There was a consciousness they recognize people they spoke they communicated. So if anyone says that when someone dies, they just sleep until the the great time of resurrection and and Messiah's return and and the graves opening up. This is false. There's no evidence of that in the scripture for such a thing. People when they die, they have consciousness. We see that here.

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Oh, you know, again, I hope people are really paying attention this you're not going to get this reading your Bible by yourself unless you can understand Hebrew. This is awesome. I've never heard some of this stuff before either. bruke this is the way that you've explained it. So again, he he wanted Lazarus to dip his finger in the water to cool his tongue. But Abraham said something to him. What did he say?

says it's not possible. He says, you know you in the world, you get a lot of good things. But he did not utilize that time in the world. Based upon the truth of God. He ignored the truth of God. But apparently, le Azar. He was different Eleazar he was someone who had faith, despite all the suffering or whatnot, he put his hope not in this world, but in the promises of God. He had a faith of faith like Abraham and that's why he found himself in Abraham's bosom. So there was a great difference in the experience, both in this world and in the world to come. Now, no words as I say just evens out. This is not what we're talking about at all. We're talking about the fact that in this world, we need to have truth and our response to truth. Faith needs to to be present. It's by faith, one is saved through faith, one finds themselves justified by faith, not of works. But having been justified by faith, that faith is going to give evidence of itself through a change of behavior. This rich man had no faith, he had no words, he had no evidence that he belonged to God, who was interested in the things of that. Well,

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you said here, that this evil, the Bible says this evil was that that's all Lazarus knew. And but yet this this ruler, he knew only good things in his eyes. And but yet, where's that comparison to today? I mean, really, that's was his view that he had good things pretty much right? Because we know that he didn't know God, so really wasn't much good to come out of that.

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There was no good that came out for that, for that rich man. And Lazarus receiving mentioned, evil just means he was not getting getting what God wanted him to have. And this is not an attack on God's sovereignty. It shows that the disobedience of individuals can affect others. And that's why we need to always want to be used by God, because we might be the instrument that God wants to use, in order to bless someone to help someone to to give truth to someone, whatever it might be. And the attitude Well, if I don't do it, God will just raise up someone else. Well, you know what, no one came to help Eleazar other than those dogs, and they did minimally, what they could do, but but no one did. And I think that's a testimony of the world, the world really doesn't care about those who are suffering.

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Now, all they care about what can they get out of this world and all about me, and how can I benefit? We're going to see here in a second how this plays out. So the this ruler is Herten down in there down in show or Abraham's bosom,

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or no, he's not in Abraham's bosom, he's in engaging in hell.

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Okay, we just call it hell. And he's not getting any help from Abraham, me or Lazarus. But he cries out to me, he says, well, let's do the next best thing, because I have five brothers, and I don't want them to end up here either. So he's asking Abraham for some help. And what happens?

Well, isn't a great did, he's matured, but it's too late. He's no longer thinking of himself. Because Abraham tells him, there's nothing can be done for you, you're in this position. And he does something that's, that's wonderful. He says, Well, my, my Eternity has been sealed. I'm without hope. But he starts thinking about, as you said, his brothers, and then he wants someone to go to them, specifically, someone from the dead. Because he says, If someone should go to them from the dead, they will hear they will repent so that they won't be in that fixed. Now. Let me just share with you now living in Israel and sharing faith with people. One of the things that I've heard so much within with fellow Jewish people, is that they say, Well, you know, I know my dad, I know my mom, I know my brother, whatever it might be, did not receive discipline. Did you speak about Yeshua, Jesus Christ into the life, therefore, I don't want to be separated from from my parents, from my siblings, from whoever it might be. So they don't accept the gospel because someone that they cared about, didn't accept it. But here's a perfect example, that one who didn't accept that this rich men, what is his burden now, for his loved ones, he does not want his loved ones, to suffer that same same consequence, that he's experiencing those same results. So I always tell people, and this is such a wonderful scripture to share the truth with and that is, don't make the same same rebellious decision. Be different. Your family wouldn't want you to be where they are. And the rich man certainly didn't want any of his brothers to be suffering that same outcome. Well. I

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think it's even maybe safe to say that in the minute of that suffering, you're suffering, you could care less who's next to you. You don't have to you not gonna have time to, you know, hang out with your family or your best friends or others you're not gonna, there isn't going to be any of that it's going to be suffer, suffer, suffer, there's no, there's no relapse, there's no time to, to take a break, there's not going to be any break from it. It's a constant torture. So I'm glad you emphasize that we emphasize that with him. Now he wanted his own brothers to be in that same torturous place. So And Abraham said to him, what Moses, They have Moses and the prophets, why would they? Why would they listen to, you know, if they don't listen to him? That this the dead man coming back to tell them? How does that go?

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Well, what he says is an Abraham speaking, if you know, if they don't respond to Moses and the prophets, meaning the Word of God, if they don't believe Moses and the prophets, they won't believe even if one should rise from the dead, which you should eventually, you know, short few short years later, that's exactly what he did. He rose from the dead. So one of the things that really are working Israel is based upon his just this, this one verse when He says, if they don't believe, Moses and the prophets, so we emphasize those those individuals here in Israel, who do believe Moses and the prophets. Do you believe that Moses spoke truth that Moses was, was was a servant of God, that the prophets were anointed, in order to share prophetic truth. So if someone slept secular, and doesn't believe in God, it's really, really hard. It may just be impossible for for them to come to faith, because you've got to believe the Word of God. Now I've seen miraculous things happen with someone who's secular and say, they don't believe in God, and, and something happens, I believe it's God, you know, touching in some unique way, and they come to faith. But once they come to faith, they start believing, and are very committed to what Moses says, and the prophets. So we see the foundation of our faith, if we're going to be individuals that make Kingdom decisions, that that are going to be people who God is well pleased with. We're going to believe the revelation of Moses, what the prophets revealed as well.

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This is the foundation of our faith. It's the law of Moses and the revelation of the prophets that help us recognize who this Redeemer is, and how to respond properly to him.

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Yeah, it's, again, when we plant that seed, I love how you say it to how does this happen later on? This person may never turn and repent from his sins. But here the this man in hell says to him, that, you know, if Abraham, if one of these, if Moses would go, surely they would repent. But what does he tell him? They they're not going to do it. They won't do it. Right?

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Well, he saying that even whoever it might be, should go to them. That's the supernatural is not going to make a difference. You know, there's also that the Antichrist is going to do a whole bunch of supernatural things to make fire come down from heaven and all sorts of things. So what we do not base our life upon just a supernatural happening, back the Word of God warns us not to do that. In Deuteronomy 13. We base our life upon truth, what's truth, the law of Moses, the Prophets, and we're speaking here, that's a cloaking for the Bible. In other words, we base our life upon biblical truth. That's how you experience a kingdom fulfillment. And so again, today in where we are, is no longer Abraham's bosom. And what does the scripture says? If you check it out, it says that Paul's speaking he says, I prefer just from a personal standpoint, he says, I prefer to be to be absent from this body meaning, not being alive, not being in this body, and to be at home meaning to be where I belong in the kingdom of heaven. Paul never talked about some some period of time of waiting. He says, To be absent from the body is to be to be at home with with the Lord. And that's a great great hope that we have a hope that is true, a hope that will not disappoint disappoint someone because when someone dies, if they're a believer, they're not in the ground, just just waiting for some event. If a believer dies immediately They're in the presence of the Savior. And they're not alone. There's going to be that wonderful a cloud of, of witnesses, meaning other believers. And so they're not just doing nothing, they're not sleeping, they are present with God with other believers. I believe that and the Scripture gives evidence that there's going to be a reunion. Why? Well, if you can understand and recognize Avraham, this one, you'll be able to recognize others. So people always ask me, why be able to recognize my, my loved ones, my family in the kingdom of heaven? Yes, you will. Just like like this rich man was able to understand and recognize Avraham and Eleazar. So don't think that the kingdom of heaven, there's not going to be an understanding of who other people were in our life will know people.

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Well, I love the way you explain that, before we end this because we're getting down to the end of this scripture. And it's very important about when they speak about the one that rises from the dead. I want to emphasize the Bible and what you said a little bit earlier. I know a lot of people we have these discussions about more men wrote the Bible, and, and it's just this whole thing we need to accept the Bible whole, complete, without any flaws in it without saying that, Oh, man, excuse me, a man wrote the Bible. And so therefore it could be flawed. Again, this God that created us out of dust, he can't put the Bible together or, or influence men to write the correct words. So I believe in the Bible 100% If you don't believe the Bible, 100% in whole, how can you extract How can you get these, this lesson today? How we're so much of it, you have to believe what the Bible says, to actually enjoy the Scripture and have it benefit your life. Right?

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That's right, I'd like to maybe just end up with two small points before we close. And that is literally right before we began recording this, I was watching the Israeli news and a very well known songwriter passed away, I believe it was 83. And on the news, they showed an interview with him that he was a old old man at that time that the interviewer I don't know how long it was ago, a year ago, two years ago, not not longer than that. And it was interesting, they said, you know, you're old man, now you've written over 1000 songs, and many different people, famous people in Israel have recorded them and others even. And he said, You know, I've had a wonderful life. But as I approached this, I am fearful. And that's so said, one doesn't have to be fearful. Now, if you don't believe, well, it's appropriate to be fearful because you're going to experience what that Richmond, but you don't have to, you can accept God's provision, you can have that faith in a Redeemer that this this poor Eleazar had Lazarus had. and in your situation accurate die will get much, much better. In fact, it will become perfect for eternity. The The second thing I want to say is this question that I received just last week was what about these these people that we read about in the Old Testament, that that had faith? I mean, were they saved? You know, where are they? Well, here's the message. In the Scripture, we now know, Avraham, a perfect example of someone who had faith, where did he go, he didn't go to heaven. He wasn't saved in the sense of, of a New Testament salvation experience because of the blood of Messiah, he died before that. So those people want to Avraham bosom and we know something. It says in the scripture, for example, in Matthew chapter 27, it says that, that when Messiah he went, and after his his death, we know that those in the the bosom of Abraham, they were there, and after his resurrection, they two came up from from the the tomb, brought them out, they testify. And the scripture says that he took captivity captive meaning he went, and we know this from First Peter, for example, Chapter Three Ephesians. He went, when Messiah died upon that cross was was buried, He descended into shall, some will say the lower parts of the earth show, and he went to those who were in torment, like this rich man, and he explained why They were there. It says that he, he taught, he proclaimed. He taught why they were there. Because they were faithless, and did not believe in Abraham's promise that focuses upon him, you're sure. He wanted those who didn't believe in Abraham's promise. And he says, I'm the one that you you believed in, were hoping for. And he explained what he did. It says that he the word charisma, the Greek word has to do with proclaiming truth. And these people, they believed, and that's why you could take them tap into capital, tap div with him, and and take them into the heavens. So again, no longer Abraham's bosom, no longer a place like that. It all determines now what you do with the gospel. And if you're fearful of death, you can have that fear taken away simply by believing the Gospel that he died, that He was buried, that he shed his blood, and that God that Father raised Him from the dead, signifying our hope in a resurrection, this victory over death, that when a person dies, this body so want, we're gonna get a new body and our soul, the moment we die, our soul is taken into the kingdom of heaven, so that we can be present with the family of God, and with Messiah himself with the living God. So good news that we have through the gospel.

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Amen. Now, if you are one of those that that actually want to believe and all these things that Brooks talking about, the evidence of that belief is you're repenting from your sins, and you're going to turn away from the way you were living yesterday, or five minutes ago. And you're going to serve God. That's the evidence of your repentance. Before we close, Bruce, there's, I want to go over one thing at

the end of this scripture, verse 31. It says that, if they do not hear from Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded through the one through one rising from the dead. Are they speaking of Yeshua?

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Yes, they are. They're saying that, that there's a correlation. Those who truly believe Moses and the prophets will accept and recognize your show. Those who really don't believe that they may say they believe but so what we can say anything, right, those who don't believe Moses and the prophets, they are going to reject the truth concerning the greatest event. Now, I know a lot of people think the greatest event is the birth, the incarnation that he visited humanity as a wonderful thing. And he was born and he did come. But But the greatest event in human history is a resurrection. As Paul says in first Corinthians 15, if messiah be not risen from the dead, your faith is in vain. The resurrection is everything. It confirms what God has said. It confirms what Messiah has done. The resurrection, testifies to a hope, a kingdom hope that will never disappoint. So that's why, you know, yes, we confess our sins, yes, we believe in him. But But Paul says in the book of Romans and chapter 10, you know, we confess our sins, but also, we also confess with our mouth and believe in our heart, that God raised Him from the dead, you're sure was raised from the dead, that resurrection, believing the resurrection is foundational. You don't believe in the resurrection, you have not believed the gospel.

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Amen. Wow, what a great story. Again, actions of your life speak louder than the words that come out of your your mouth. So we want to be sure that if you say you've accepted Christ, make that foundational change in your life. It's a transformation that can only be done through the Holy Spirit. So hey, we're so thankful, Bruce, that you taught this lesson today. There's so much information in it. You'll probably have to play it back several times to get it all. But please do. It's very important that you understand these foundational truths in your life. Again, Brooke, thank you for taking the time out in Israel to teach us this today. And thank you for listening and lost in translation. God bless you, and we'll see you next time. Lost in Translation.