

MY LIFE AFTER MY LIFE – HEAVEN OR HELL
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FOCUS TEXT – LUKE 16:19-31 (NIV)

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²²“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰“‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.” -Matthew 25:35-36

“For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: ‘The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.’” -2 Thessalonians 3:10

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” -Luke 10:27

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” -Matthew 6:21

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” -Matthew 5:3

FIVE THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE AFTERLIFE:

#1. The afterlife is _____.

“Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.” -Hebrews 9:27

#2. Hell is a place of _____.

“No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’”

-Luke 16:30

#3. Hell is a place of _____.

“But replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’” -Luke 16:25-26

#4. There are no _____.

“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ But Abraham said, ‘Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they wrote.’” -Luke 16:27-29

“No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” -Luke 16:30-31

#5. Where you spend eternity is _____.

“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” -Revelation 3:20

NEXT STEPS:

- **Memorize Revelation 3:20**
- **Start reading the Gospel of Luke**

