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Heaven and Hell Lesson 4 annihilation?

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We are introducing a study about what the Bible says about Heaven and Hell, in this lesson, we just want to establish the fact from the Bible that people die and then their existence continues. Annihilation is a lie. Cessation is a lie. You are going to be absent from this body maybe be present with the Lord, or you might wake up in Hell; the death of your physical body, the death of your mortal body will not be the end of you. That's clearly set forth in the Bible in a number of places.

First Corinthians 15:36, "Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:" "Quickened" that's to be made alive, so the Lord says, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die. Obviously, there is life beyond death. Verse 37, And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. Now look at the cross reference in John 12:23-24, Jesus Christ is speaking. And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. So the principle of nature that is appealed to by God the Son in John 12 and God the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 15 is that you die! And out of that death, God brings or God produces life. We have hope of more than just this temporal existence in this mortal body.

Turn in your Bible to Luke 9 and Deuteronomy 34:5. Let's read first from Deuteronomy, So Moses, the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord. And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: but no man knoweth of his sepluchre unto this day. And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

First of all, Moses is called *the servant of the Lord* and he died. Notice also, that he did not die because he wasn't healthy. His service was done; his race was run; his course was finished; and he died.

Also notice in the passage that God *buried him*. Now you got to be pretty important to have God conduct your funeral; and have God for your undertaker. But the reason He did that, you know good and well if the children of Israel had any idea where Moses bones were buried, they would have made a shrine or a holy pace out of it; *"So Moses...* (Very clear in both passages) Moses died. (He) was not raptured, wasn't called up; a chariot did not come to get him. He died and the Lord buried him.

Lets look at Luke 9:28, And when it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, he (That's Jesus, in the context.) took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering. And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. As you can see in this passage, a man who died and was buried centuries before the events recorded in Luke chapter nine, appears live and well on the Mountain of Transfiguration with Elijah and with Jesus; death and burial was not the end of Moses. There is life beyond the departure of the soul from the physical body.

Lets look at Luke 16:19, There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from

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the rich man's table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell, he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. The fact that we have three people in this passage engaging in conversation, having sensory feelings, having emotions, having thoughts and recollections, having desires, after all three of them died as touching the flesh.

Abraham died in the mid-chapters of Genesis somewhere along chapters 25, 26, 27 somewhere in there. Abraham dies and is buried and yet over one thousand years later, Abraham is alive and having conversation with the rich man. I also see in this passage that Lazarus was a believer in the Lord. He died in faith and was carried by angels. That was a pretty good escort, agreed? Now God did not bury him but angels showed up for his funeral, took him, carried him into Abraham's bosom. Lazarus never did escape poverty he was homeless until he died. He was living in dirty clothes; he was sharing meals with dogs eating out of waste cans, yet he died and went to Heaven.

This idea that you are poor because you not right with God; this idea of God will make you rich when you get right with HIM; is satanic non-sense! You can only teach that in America, England, France, or some parts of Europe. Nobody in India, Mongolia, Sudan, Zaire or Panama is buying in that prosperity preaching, say why? Cause some things work in America because of our economic system that don't work in other parts of the world and if they don't work everywhere in the world, they are not true.

Lazarus was a poor beggar. His faith in God did not get him out of that; only death changed his surroundings. Once he died, no longer was he poor, hungry, he nor was he sharing his dinner table with dogs. And guess what? He's still alive. There is a Lazarus after Lazarus dies. When this body gives out, YOU STILL LIVE ON!

Then there is the rich man. How come his name is not in the Bible? Because the Lord says if you die without faith in Jesus Christ, HE will blot your name out of the Book of Life; and you'll stand before HIM in the day of judgment and HE will say, "I never knew you." He is just a rich man, who is feeling pain, thirsty, carrying on conversation and he recognizes people. He remembers the past and he is aware that he has brothers living top side, that need to know that Lord.

How can anyone read Luke 16 and say:

- 1. There is no Hell.
- 2. There is only annihilation after death.
- 3. We just die like dogs because we're just evolutionary by-products.

The only way someone can do that is to deny the truth of the Word of God. According to this Bible, this guy – he's alive! He's just as alive down there as he was up here; he just doesn't have a body of flesh. That's Bible!

Last bad day Lazarus ever had was the day that he died. Last good day that rich man ever had was the day that he died. All right look at this in Ephesians 2:4 *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raise us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:* (Now watch!) *That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.* How can my life end with the death of my physical body if in the ages to come HE is going



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to show the rest of HIS creation how gracious HE is, using me as an example. I cannot be annihilated; I am on display. I am being used by God as an object lesson. We must be existing in the age to come, or HE could not of made that kind of promise.

Look at Ephesians 1:7-12 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: that in the dispensation of the fullness of times (That is future age) he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: that we should be (should be, in that future age) to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. So whatever's going on out there in eternity, whatever's going on out there in the fullness of time, we are going to be a part of it; if we are saved. Your life will not end when your body dies, or these things are not true.

Lets look at 1 Corinthians 3:12 these are believers. Most people would agree that a believer has life beyond the grave. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble: Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. How are you that are saved going to stand, receive a reward and suffer loss at the judgment seat of Christ after you die. Plainly we have people here, who after having departed their physical body are now standing alive at the judgment seat of Christ receiving rewards.

Now on the other side, how about those that are lost, Revelation 20:1-3, And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. Now what is the devils prison? It's the bottomless pit. So he wasn't annihilated was he? And he wasn't burned up? And the fires didn't consume him. He's thrown in there alive and a thousand years later, he comes out alive!

Too many people start thinking, well this must be a spiritual application, rather than literal, the problem with that thinking is, when is it spiritual and when is it literal? The only way you can answer that question is to put yourself in the position of being the judge of GOD's word. (dangerous position)

Let the Bible speak for itself, if it does not say it is spiritual then it is literal. I got a literal devil, bound with a literal chain by literal angels, cast into a literal pit; he's there for a literal thousand years; and at the end of that literal thousand years, he comes out! Picks up where we left off. Verse 8. And shall gout to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog ans Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast (He's a man.) and false prophet (He's a man.) <u>are</u>, (Now look, they were thrown in that lake of fire a thousand years previous, Revelation 19; and when the devil is cast into the lake of fire, he isn't cast in where the beast and false prophet (Me's a mather the beast and false prophet ARE! Whether you are godly or ungodly; whether you're

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re-generated or have only been born of Adam; you have life beyond this physical body. Verse number 10, And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and false prophet are, and shall be (Just get the words.) "and shall be" (His existence, their existence is not terminated when they hit the lake of fire. There is a "shall be" that extends beyond entrance into the lake of fire.) They shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. (that is eternal existence.)

Verse 11, And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God. So here are people who have been dead a long time as touching their mortal bodies and yet here they are and they are standing before God. You know who is standing there? People that died during the thousand year reign of Christ, people who died during the great tribulation, people who died today, people who died in World War II, people who died a thousand years ago, people that drowned in that great flood, who wouldn't get in the ark; and do you know who's standing there; Cain. Cain is standing there. Seven thousand years burning in Hell. They are all standing right there.

We need to win people to Jesus Christ. They are not just going to die and three days later, there's nothing left but flowers on the grave and a clipping of an obituary; they are going to live on beyond this body. If you're saved or lost, you're going to live on. Verse 12. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them and they (That's the people who have been dead for a long time) were judged every man (They are still who they were when they died.) according to their (Personal) works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever (Those people) was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Now, one thing is clear from the Bible. This body was made to house your soul; while you lived on this earth. Your soul was made by God to dwell forever. And it will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord or it will dwell forever in the lake of fire with Satan and the beast and the false prophet; depending what you do with Jesus Christ.

In James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness (Now watch..) and received with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your (What?) souls. God's concerned with the soul. Matthew 10:28 And fear not them, that kill the body; but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Okay?

So there is life beyond the grave. Moses, Lazarus, the rich man of Luke 16, the promises made to the born again believers, the existence of those who were martyred during the tribulation time, the existence of men and women at the white throne judgment proves it. You're eternal, we are going to live forever. That's great if you are in the right place!

Notes



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Name

- 1. Explain the term "last bad day, last good day"
- 2. Explain the purpose of our soul.

3. What are 6 things mentioned in this lesson that people are doing? 1. (hint) having emotions 2. 4. 3. 5. 6.

- 4. What were our bodies made for?
- 5. Why did GOD bury Moses?
- 6. Why is it so important to win people to JESUS CHRIST?
- 7. Name six things in this study that proves there is life beyond the grave?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4. 5.
 - 6.

9.

- What is able to save your soul?
- According to this Lesson what is quickened? 10.
- Name the three characters in Luke 16:19-25 passage, Match them to where they 11. are in the passage?
 - d. was in hell
 - b. e. was in paradise

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c. _____ f. was in Abraham's bosom

- 12. What happen in Bethpeor?
- 13. Who is standing in front of GOD at the White Throne Judgment?
- 14. What proof do we have that Moses was not really dead and gone?
- 15. Explain Ephesians 2:4
- 16. Explain eternal existence
- 17. Who is standing in front of Jesus Christ and the Judgment Seat of Christ?
- 18. Explain the dangerous position a believer can put him/herself in by spiritualizing the Word of God?

True/false

- you are poor because you not right with God
- When this body gives out, you still live on.
- there's no Hell
- If you have good personal works at the White Throne Judgment, you will go to Heaven.



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