

AFTER LIFE – 2

A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN

Psalm 23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

“...a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history, you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.” – C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

John 4:24 (ESV) God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

Deuteronomy 30:19^{a-d} (KJV) I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore **choose** life.

1. Death is an _____.

1 Corinthians 15:25-26 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is **death**.

Philippians 1:21-23 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²²If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far;

2. Grief is the price of _____.

John 11:35 Jesus wept.

3. There are questions you will never _____ this side of heaven.

Deuteronomy 29:29 The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.

- Don't let your questions become _____ than your faith.

4. Going to heaven isn't _____.

2 Corinthians 12:4 was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell.

5. Death isn't a _____.

Luke 16:19-22 There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores²¹ and 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.

2 Corinthians 12:2-3 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven.³ And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—

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- The dead are not _____. The angels are there to meet them.
Luke 16:22 The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.
- They possess a _____ form.
Luke 16:23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.
***Luke 16:24** So 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.'*
- They have _____.
- They know _____, not less.

Luke 16:24 So 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.’

- The decisions you make this side of heaven are _____.

Luke 16:25 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.’

- There is a heaven to gain and a hell to _____.