

One Minute After You Die



Luke 16:19-31 (NKJV): The Rich Man and Lazarus

¹⁹ "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. ²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

²⁴ "Then 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.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

²⁷ "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they

also come to this place of torment.'²⁹ Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'³¹ But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

One Minute After You Die-The Story & The Reality

The Story-What Happened?

1. The P _____: Some rich people are _____, and some poor people are _____ (v. 19-23).

Philippians 2:10-11; ...At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NIV); For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2. The P _____: Some people confuse _____ riches with _____ riches (v. 19-23).

3. The P _____: Every person goes to one place-either _____ or _____ (v. 22-23).

- There are only two types of deaths:
 - **A** _____ **death**-a good death is when a person lives and dies in faith. They are immediately escorted by angels into the presence of God. This is a very good death.
 - **A** _____ **death**-a bad death is when a person lives and dies without knowing Jesus as their Savior. They find themselves in a place called Hell. Hell was not even made for them. Hell was created for the devil and his angels. When a person rejects Jesus' offer of forgiveness, they by default are counted with the followers of Satan.

2 Peter 3:9; The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

4. The P _____: The formerly worldly rich man gave two petitions while in _____ (v. 24-28).

Hebrews 9:27-28; ²⁷ And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

5. The P _____: Every person has the opportunity to say "yes" to Jesus and "no" to hell (v. 29-31).

The Reality-What does this mean for me?

What happens one minute after I die? 6 Eternal Realities:

"One minute after I die"—an expression for immediately after...

1. One minute after you die, you will spend eternity in either _____ or _____ (v. 22-23).
2. One minute after you die, you will not get a _____ chance to accept Jesus (v. 24-25).

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3. One minute after you die, the Christian will become truly _____ and the lost person will become truly _____ (v. 22-25).
4. One minute after you die, you will be forever _____ in heaven or forever _____ in hell (v. 23-26).
5. One minute after you die, you will earnestly desire for all of your _____ and _____ to accept the Gospel and avoid the agony of hell (v. 27-29).

6. **One minute after you die, you will realize that God gave you every _____ to say "yes" to Jesus and "no" to hell (v. 27-31).**

Revelation 22:16-17; ¹⁶ "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

¹⁷ And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

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Invitation: Where will you spend eternity? Heaven or Hell? Decide to say "yes" to Jesus and "no" to hell today. To not decide is to decide to say "no" to Jesus.

Christ Connection: Jesus bore your sins on the cross so that you would never have to experience hell. If you believe the Gospel and repent of your sins, you will enjoy heaven for all eternity!

Today's Big Idea (A short summary): If you say "yes" to Jesus, you are saying "no" to hell and "yes" to heaven. If you say "no" to Jesus, you are saying "yes" to hell and "no" to heaven.



1. **Make sure** that you have said "yes" to Jesus for salvation.
2. **Pray** for those in your lives who have not yet said "yes" to Jesus.
3. **Present the Gospel** and ask for a response as the Lord gives you an opportunity to share Jesus with those who are lost.

Preview for next Sunday: "The Freedom of Forgiveness" from Luke 17:1-4.