
What Does the Bible Say About Hell? (Part 1): A Place Called "Hades"

Cross → Resurrection → Ascension → "Church Age" → Rapture → Tribulation → Jesus Comes to Earth (Armageddon) → Judgment of the Living → Millennium → Satan's Brief Final Rebellion → Great White Throne Judgment (Lake of Fire) → New Heaven & New Earth

Hades (ᾍδης): The Temporary "Holding Cell" for Those that Have Rejected God

- It is NOT a place where people go to wait for their trial.
- It is a jail where CONDEMNED people go to wait for their transfer to PRISON.
- It is a TEMPORARY place of punishment before final sentencing and PERMANENT place of punishment.

Luke 16:19-31 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.'"

Observations from Luke 16

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- 1. He Is Placed There Immediately After Death**
- 2. He Is Conscious**
- 3. He Can See**
- 4. He Has Some Type of Indestructible Body**

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5. He Can Remember His Past

6. He Can Recognize People

7. He Can Speak

8. He Feels Amazing Thirst

9. He Feels Horrible Pain from Flame

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10. He Receives the Opposite of What He Experienced in Life

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11. He Has No Opportunity to Change Sides

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12. He Understands that His Punishment Is Deserved

13. He Understands that His Punishment Is Permanent

14. He Is Concerned for His Family's Destiny

15. He Understands His Family's Spiritual State

16. He Understands that People Need to Be Warned

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17. The Bible Warns People of Hell, and How to Avoid It

18. People Will Either Believe the Bible or Nothing

19. Believing What the Bible Teaches Is Our Only Hope