

Our Living God - The Savior of All

Part – 3

Q&A

Q-1: What about the rich man and Lazarus? (Luke 16:19-31)

- The “rich man” = Pharisees, who also loved money (v14)
- The preceding parable is also about a manager who misused his master’s resources.
- This is a parable (one of seven in this section of Luke)
- No mention of duration
- “Lazarus” = *Eliezer* (אליעזר) – the name of Abraham’s Gentile servant (Genesis 15:2)
- “Abraham’s bosom” = reclining at table (see John 13:25)
- “Hades” = *Sheol* (≠ “Hell”)
- **IF** this parable is about Heaven and Hell, then how are the redeemed in such close communication with the lost?
- The rich man still wants Lazarus to be his servant
- The final judgment has not yet come.

Luke 16:24 And he called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.”

James 3:6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by Gehenna.

Isaiah 6:3-7 And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is Adonai of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of Him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, Adonai of hosts!” Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

Acts 2:3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them.

Q-2: Explain “Death and Hades” in Revelation 20

Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and Him who was seated on it. From His presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done.

And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, **Death** and **Hades** gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then **Death** and

Hades were thrown into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death, the Lake of Fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

1 Corinthians 15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is **death**.

Song of Solomon 8:6 Set me as a seal on your heart, as a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death; ardent love is as unrelenting as Sheol. Love's flames are fiery flames – the fiercest of all.

Q-3: What is the Lamb's Book of Life? What are the "other books"?
(Revelation 20 / Daniel 7)

Daniel 7:10 A stream of fire issued and came out from before Him; a thousand thousands served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him; the court sat in judgment, and the **books** were opened.

*Reflect on three things and you will not fall into transgression: know what is above you – a seeing eye, a hearing ear, and a **book** in which all your deeds are written.*

☞ Pirkei Avot 2.1

*Three **books** are opened [in heaven] on Rosh Hashanah, one for the thoroughly wicked, one for the thoroughly righteous, and one for the intermediate. The thoroughly righteous are forthwith inscribed definitively in the **Book of Life**; the thoroughly wicked are forthwith inscribed definitively in the **Book of Death**; the doom of the intermediate is suspended from Rosh Hashanah till Yom Kippur; if they deserve well, they are inscribed in the **Book of Life**; if they do not deserve well, they are inscribed in the **Book of Death**.*

☞ b.Talmud, Rosh HaShana 16b

Psalms 69:28 Let them be blotted out of the **Book of Life**; let them not be enrolled among the righteous.

Exodus 32:32 "But now, if You will forgive their sin – but if not, please blot me out of Your **book** that You have written."

Q-4: If all are saved, then what did the life, death, and resurrection of Yeshua accomplish?

The salvation of all!

Q-5: What does it mean to be "in messiah"?

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in Messiah Yeshua.

Romans 12:5 so we, though many, **are one body** in Messiah, and individually members one of another.

2 Corinthians 2:14 But thanks be to God, who in Messiah always **leads us in triumphal procession**,

and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a **new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Galatians 3:14 so that in Messiah Yeshua **the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles**, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:26 for in Messiah Yeshua **you are all sons of God**, through faith.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Master Yeshua the Messiah, who has **blessed us** in Messiah **with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places,

Philippians 4:7 And **the peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Messiah Yeshua.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And **the dead in Messiah will rise first**.

Q-6: What about Hitler? What about Satan and his angels?

We must wait and see.

The Transformation of Gehenna

Place of dead bodies – Isaiah 66:24 “And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against Me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”

Will become holy – Jeremiah 31:40 The whole valley of the dead bodies and the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to Adonai. It shall not be plucked up or overthrown again unto the Age. (*ad olam*)

Becomes a place of springs – Psalm 84:5-7 Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. As they go through the Valley of Weeping they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.



Daniel 7:9-10

FIRE



The Nations **Judged**

Rev. 22:1-3

WATER



The Nations **Healed**

"And the nations shall bring their glory into the city."

Revelation 22:17 The Spirit and the Bride say, **"Come."** And let the one who hears say, **"Come."** And let the one who is thirsty **come**; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

If the Bride is the city, then who is there left to invite?

Luke 15:20 And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.

Deuteronomy 18:10 There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer.

Jeremiah 7:30-31 For the sons of Judah have done evil in my sight, declares Adonai. They have set their detestable things in the house that is called by My name, to defile it. And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, **nor did it come into My mind.**



Jeremiah 32:35 They built the high places of Baal in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to offer up their sons and daughters to Molech, though I did not command them, **nor did it enter into My mind**, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

For further reading:

Raising Hell, by Julie Ferwerda

Hell, A Final Word, by Edward William Fudge

Her Gates Will Never Be Shut, by Bradley Jersak

The Restitution of All Things, by Andrew John Jukes

The Inescapable Love of God, by Thomas Talbott