

# Who Will Have Good or Bad After Death Experiences?

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## BHC Guidelines & Models

### #1 Explorer's Pledge

*My belief system will be large enough to include all facts, open enough to be questioned and examined, and flexible enough to change if errors or new facts are discovered.*

### #2 Words

*A word consists of symbols or sounds with an attached bundle of associations. Those associations are a product of the source's culture, time period, locations and personal experiences.*

### #3 Communicating

*A communications experience consists of a Source (writer or speaker) and Receptor (reader or hearer). Our goal is to identify the Source's meanings of words.*

### #4 The Bible

*"The Bible" is a name many books share, but they are not all the same. Some have different books, while others have different words in the books they share.*

### #5 Biblical Heritages

*Biblical Heritages are the histories of institutions that created biblical canons or make claims of divine authority linked to Bibles.*

### #6 The Brain

*The brain continually rewrites its circuitry as it processes information to reflect the world around it and optimize its efficacy within it. It generates the individual realities humans experience as life. Beliefs are meme-models created by the brain.*

There is no one Jewish or Christian view of what happens after death – *and there has never been just one view.* However, even though various groups have had different views, they seem to all agree on one very important point – death itself is not the end of the story when people die. It is important for us to remember that our individual views are only one among many others in Christianity and Judaism.

Another thing to remember is that Yeshua was actively engaged in conflicts with teachers of other Jewish groups about issues related to the Jewish Scriptures. Therefore, his response to one group may differ from his response to another group. This can be seen in the parables I have been discussing in previous emails -- **The Great Day of Judgment** and **The Unnamed Rich Man and the Poor Man Named Lazarus.** If you would like to review my previous emails, click on the [Real Yeshua Page](#). Now let's compare the similarities and differences about *who will have a good or bad after death experience in those parables.*

## Bad After Death Experience in the Great of Judgment Parable

*"Depart from me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food; I was thirsty and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take me in, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me . . . Inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment." (Matthew 25:41-43, 46a)*

## Bad After Death Experience in the Rich Man & Lazarus Parable

*"In **Sheol**, lifting up his eyes, being in torment, the rich man saw Abraham from afar . . . He called and said, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me . . . I am suffering in this flame . . . Abraham said, 'Between us is a great chasm has been firmly fixed, so that the ones wishing to pass from here to you cannot, neither may the ones from there cross over to us.'" (Luke 16:24-26)*

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He was in **Sheol**, a place thought of “**being deep down in the earth.**” **Eternal life** was viewed as being lived “**on the earth,**” not in a place called “**Heaven.**”

### Good After Death Experience in the Great of Judgment Parable

*“Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me . . . When **you did it to one of the least of these** my brothers, you did it to me . . . but **the righteous into eternal life.**” (Matthew 25:34-36, 40, 46b)*

Isaiah 58:7-8 tells us who the “**the righteous**” are.

*“. . . break your bread with the hungry, bring the wandering poor you to your house, covering a naked one, and not hiding from your flesh. Do these things, then your light shall break forth as the dawn, your healing shall quickly spring up, your **acts of righteousness** shall go before you and the glory of God shall gather you.”*

“**Righteousness**” and “**righteous**” are English translations of the Hebrew word **TZEDAQAH**. These are acts that protect lives, preserve lives, make lives more functional, and increase the quality of life.

*Helping the poor and needy by doing acts of **TZEDAQAH**  
is a **divine commandment that applies to every person.***

The **poor do more for the giver** by accepting alms **than the giver does for the poor** by giving alms – **the poor allow the giver an opportunity to fulfill God’s commandment.** In this parable, **the righteous are those who did acts of TZEDAQAH.**

### Good After Death Experience in the Rich Man & Lazarus Parable

*“And it came to pass, that the poor man died,  
and the angels carried him away into **the bosom of Abraham.**”  
(Luke 16:22a)*

**Abraham’s bosom** is **the abode of bliss in the other world.**<sup>1</sup> Lazarus, who in his diseased earthly life had had to beg to maintain his existence, is feasting in the realms of bliss with the father of the race. Indeed, he is seen to have been given the place of highest honor, being able to recline in the “bosom of Abraham.”<sup>2</sup>

**Why did the angels carry Lazarus to Abraham’s Bosom when he died?** Nothing has been said about what kind of person he was or about things that he had done. All we know is Lazarus was a man who was hungry, covered with sores, and relied on others to carry him from one place to another place. The answer is found in a blessing Yeshua gave at the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:6.

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*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst  
for **acts of TZEDAQAH** for **they shall be filled.***

Lazarus knew about **TZEDAQAH**, he was "a child of Abraham" just like the rich man. He knew that he had a right to receive acts of TZEDAQAH, and the that the rich man had been commanded by God to give him acts of TZEDAQAH – and so did every other Jewish person. When Lazarus died, he was brought to Abraham who did acts of **TZEDAQAH** -- and Lazarus was filled!

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.jewishencyclopedia.com/articles/362-abraham-s-bosom>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/encyclopedia-of-the-bible/Abrahams-Bosom>