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## What Happens One Minute After We Die?

### Sheol — Afterlife in the Old Testament

1. Sheol is not Hell.
2. Sheol is a place of conscious existence in the afterlife.

*All his sons and daughters came to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted. "No," he said, "in mourning will I go down to the grave to my son." So his father wept for him. Genesis 37:35 (NIV)*

*All his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him, but he refused to be comforted and said, "No, I shall go down to Sheol to my son, mourning." Thus his father wept for him. Genesis 37:35 (ESV) Enjoy the wealth God provides.*

3. Sheol was a place for both the righteous and the wicked.

*So they and all that belonged to them went down alive into Sheol, and the earth closed over them, and they perished from the midst of the assembly. Numbers 16:33 (ESV)*

4. All who went to Sheol did not have the same experience.

*The dead tremble under the waters and their inhabitants. Sheol is naked before God, and Abaddon has no covering. Job 26:5–6 (ESV)*

*When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people. Genesis 49:33 (ESV)*

*You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. Psalm 73:24–25 (ESV)*

5. The righteous hoped for rescue from Sheol.

*But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. Selah Psalm 49:15 (ESV)*

### Hades — Afterlife in the New Testament

1. There is suffering in Hades.

*and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. 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 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' Luke 16:23–26 (ESV)*

2. The rich man had a body that could experience pain.

*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.' Luke 16:24 (ESV)*

**3. There was no chance for change.**

And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ Luke 16:26 (ESV)

**4. He knew the agony he endured was fair.**

And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ Luke 16:27–28 (ESV)

**5. He knew what he was missing.**

and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. Luke 16:23 (ESV)

then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment, 2 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

**Paradise — There was peace and joy in Hades.**

And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.” Luke 23:43 (ESV)

he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. Acts 2:31 (ESV)



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For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,.. Psalm 16:10 (ESV)

But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me. Selah Psalm 49:15 (ESV)

since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Hebrews 11:40 (ESV)

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven —whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. 2 Corinthians 12:2–4 (ESV)

Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8 (ESV)

and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Revelation 1:18 (ESV)

## 2. What is heaven like?

I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. Philippians 1:23 (ESV)

## 3. What about purgatory?

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteous. 1 John 1:9 (ESV)