

Sermon Quotes
October 28, 2007
Eternity and Eternal Things- One Minute After You Die

Scripture Text: Luke 16:19-31

*“People lacking a Biblical perspective always think wrongly about heavenly things. Either they ignore the spiritual realm altogether—choosing instead to live for this temporal world—or they become so absorbed in fantasies about the spiritual world that they **forfeit the truth**. This is evident everywhere you look.”*

—John MacArthur

The American Afterlife Message:

1. You don't have to be afraid of dying if you've been “basically a good person.”
2. Don't need to be spiritual, have faith or live for God, just don't be really, really bad.
3. There is no Judgment Day where we'll stand before God to give an account of our lives on earth.
4. When you die, you can choose to “go to the light” straight up into heaven, or hang around the earth for a while as a ghost.

2 Corinthians 11:3-4, and 14-15 “But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and **proclaims another Jesus** than the one we proclaimed, or if you **receive a different spirit** from the one you received, or if you **accept a different gospel** from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough...(14) And no wonder, for even **Satan disguises himself** as an angel of light. (15) So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness....”

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 ESV “And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world (the Devil) has **blinded the minds of the unbelievers**, to **keep them from seeing** the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12 “The coming of the lawless one (the antichrist) is by the activity of Satan with **all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception** for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore **God sends them a strong delusion**, so that they **may believe what is false**, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

*“Of course, Sheol can be translated ‘grave’ in some contexts, because the word includes the concept of the grave. But what seems clear is that the writers of the OT believed that to go to Sheol was not only to go to the grave but also to experience **a conscious afterlife**...the writers often preferred the word Sheol because it encompassed the region of departed spirits who were conscious, **either in bliss or torment.**”*

—Dr. Erwin Lutzer

Genesis 37:35 (Jacob Speaking) “...Surely, I will **go down to Sheol** in mourning for my son.”

Job 7:9 “As the cloud fades and vanishes, so he who **goes down to Sheol** does not come up...”

Matthew 12:40 “For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights **in the heart of the earth.**”

Ephesians 4:8-10 Therefore it says, “When He (Jesus) ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that **he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth?** (Sheol) He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.”

“One minute after you slip behind the parted curtain, you will either be enjoying a personal welcome from Christ or catching your first glimpse of gloom as you have never known it. Either way, your future will be irrevocably fixed and eternally unchangeable.”

—Erwin Lutzer