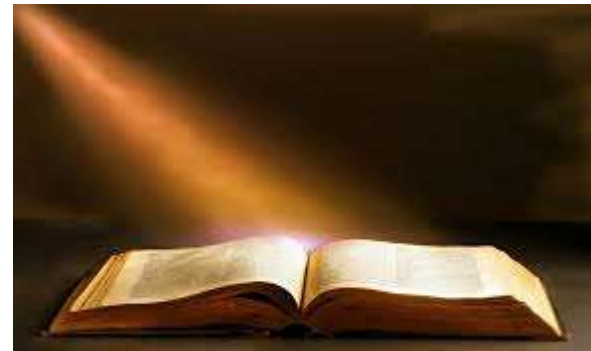


ABRAHAM'S BOSOM



LUKE 16

- 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.



ABRAHAM

- Father figure to Israelites
- Abraham credited as a person who receives faithful into paradise (Jewish belief)



ABRAHAM'S BOSOM

- Abraham's side
- Next to Abraham
- Arms of Abraham



Symbolic language to mean ...

- **To occupy the seat next to Abraham**
- **To enter into a blessedness reserved for people like Abraham**
- **To enjoy the same felicity with Abraham**
- **Not a literal description of “heaven” or salvation**

APPLICATION

- TWO
IMPORTANT
LESSONS

- **Know God's intentions when you read the Bible**
- **Bible has both literal and symbolic language**
- **Mistake to confuse the two**

APPLICATION

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LESSONS

- The fate of
humans extends
beyond this
lifetime

John 5

- **²⁸ Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice ²⁹ and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.**

APPLICATION

- TWO
IMPORTANT
LESSONS

- The fate of humans extends beyond this lifetime
- There is a blessedness and there is a condemnation

John 5 : 24

- **“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.”**

- Blessedness
or
Condemnation ?

- The
choice is
ours