

# Luke 12:20-21

- **20** "But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'
- **21** "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

How Far Is It To...



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# 1 Samuel 20:3

- *Then David took an oath again, and said, "Your father certainly knows that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.' But truly, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, **there is but a step between me and death.**"*

# “A Step Between Me & Death”

- Could the same be said about **hell**?
- Is there a step between you and hell?
  - After all, **Hebrews 9:27** reads:
    - *“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this **the judgment**”*

# What Will be Found in Hell?

- **Weeping and Gnashing of teeth**
  - Matt. 8:11-12; Luke 13:22-28; Mt. 22:13; 24:51
  - Eternal sorrow and regret
- **The Blackest of Darkness**
  - Matt. 25:30; 2 Peter 2:17 (cf. Jude 13)
  - Eternal emptiness and hopelessness

# What Will be Found in Hell?

- **Fire and Brimstone**
  - **Mark 9:43-48; Matt. 25:41; Revelation 21:8**
  - **Eternal pain and torment**

# How Far Is It To Hell?

- **One lie told?**
  - Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)
  - Ephesians 4:25; Revelation 21:8
- **One false act of worship?**
  - Nadab and Abihu (Leviticus 10:1-3)
  - Matt. 15:7-9; John 4:24; Colossians 3:17

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- **One wild party?**
  - **Belshazzar (Daniel 5:1-6, 30-31)**
  - **1 Peter 4:3; Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 5:18**
- **One night of sleep?**
  - **Sisera (Judges 4:21)**
  - **Only Christians may sleep safely (Proverbs 3:24)**



# How Far Is It To Hell?

- **One heart attack or stroke?**
  - Nabal (1 Samuel 25:37-38)
  - Heart disease #1, Stroke #3 cause of death in U.S.
- **One accident?**
  - The tower in Siloam (Luke 13:4)
  - Motor vehicle, falls, drowning, medical/surgical care, discharge of firearms, etc.

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- **One act of sexual immorality?**
  - Zimri and Cozbi (Numbers 25:6-8, 14-15)
  - Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
- **One natural disaster?**
  - Great earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:26)
  - Haiti Earthquake (estimated over 100,000 died)

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- **One Last Trumpet Call?**
  - **1 Cor. 15:51-52 (cf. John 5:28-29); 1 Thess. 4:16**
  - **Will you be ready? Matt. 24:44**

# **How Far Is It to Hell?**

**It might be closer than you think!**



# Baptism

**does also now save us (1 Peter 3:21)**



# Jesus, the Way of Escape

1 Thessalonians 1:10

- “For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression & disobedience received a just reward, **how shall we escape** if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him” (Hebrews 2:2-3).

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- “See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more **shall we not escape** if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven” (Hebrews 12:25).