

# 84th – Bible Seeds Podcast

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## Intro Music – “My Father Is So Good To Me”

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Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic: **THOSE WHO WON’T BE JUDGED BY GOD**

In the Holy Bible, at the book of Psalms; the forth verse of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm says,

***“Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for Thou ( meaning God ) art with me”***

Did anyone ever ask where this **‘valley of the shadow of death’** exists? It exist right here on Earth. In fact, it is **‘The Earth!’** We all live in the shadow of death! It happens to everyone and most people are scared of dying.

But this is where the meaning is separated according to what each person believes. The next line in this Psalm is ***“for God is with me!”***

Now this can present a problem. The bible speaks of a great judgment at the end of our lives where everyone will be held accountable for all

the good or bad things they did while they were here, on the Earth. So the people who have no use for God or His people, and give no importance to His commands, or takes seriously the way He taught us to live righteously, will not be happy!

And being human, some will try to find a way around this judgment and live as they please, by saying,

*"I don't believe in God, so there can't be any recourse or punishment from something that doesn't exist!"*

Others might say, *"I don't believe God really cares what we do. He just watches over His creation." We still have wars; people still hurt each other; millions of young kids and people are sold and abused; all sorts of bad things happen and yet, God does not stop it! He has the power to fix it, but He does not stop it. How can He judge us?*

Because Jesus endured a bad and shameful situation at the cross and yet had the power with the Father to stop it; **it was not stopped!**  
**WHY?**

God the Father decided to send **Jesus, His Word made flesh by the power of the Holy Spirit and His Son** to take the sins of all mankind upon Himself so that everyone in this valley could have the shadow of death pass over them. **Jesus took the hit for you . . . He died!** And was resurrected or raised back to life three days later.

Now **anyone** can have everlasting life after death by believing God did this for us!

So what is this life we have, living in the valley ( or on the Earth )? Is it a test? We are used to taking tests, but I have never seen a person

who is taking a test and in the middle of it, asks the instructor what the answer to a question is! The instructor will simply say “Fill it out as best you as you can and turn it in when the time is up.”

Whatever we believe will determine the answer we give.

One of Jesus’ parables was the story of a certain rich man who lived in great luxury and a beggar named **Lazarus** whose body was covered with sores. By the way, this was the only parable out of many where Jesus actually gave the name of a person in a story!

Lazarus was a homeless beggar who lived at the gate, on a street at the house of the rich man. He was hoping that he might receive scraps from the rich man’s table. The beggar was so pathetic that even the dogs came and licked his sores. After a while, the beggar died and was carried to heaven by the angels.

The rich man died, and from his torment in hell, raised his eyes to see Lazarus sitting next to Abraham in heaven and he cried out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me and send Lazarus to dip his finger in water to cool my tongue and stop this burning!”

But Abraham said, ‘Remember, my son, when your life was filled with good things while Lazarus had a bad life and no one cared. Now Lazarus is being comforted while your are being tormented. Also, there is a deep pit between us so anyone who would pass from here to you cannot and no one can cross from where you are to us.’

The rich man said, “Then I beg you father Abraham, send Lazarus to my five brothers at my father’s house to warn them so they will not end up here where I am being tormented.”

Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets, let them listen to them.”

The rich man answered, “That is not enough of a warning, father Abraham! But if someone were to rise from death and go to them, then they would repent.”

But Abraham said “If they do not take the words of Moses and the prophets seriously, then they would not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death.” ( found in the book of Luke, Chapter 16: verses 19-31 )

People of the Valley, someone has risen from death. That someone is Jesus. Would Abraham be describing you? Would you not be convinced that after all that Jesus said and did, not to think there is a God so you would not have to face a judgment?

Many people in this world are trying to figure a way to live past their life span. Their hope seems to be that all their memories, of who they are, can live with the help of Artificial Intelligence. But as Jesus told us “Don’t be afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul.” If no one can kill the soul, they cannot transfer it to Artificial Intelligence! So those people who put their hope in this will remain DEAD in a computer. From the story of Lazarus that Jesus told us, our souls live on somewhere and in the end WILL BE JUDGED!

### ***Back Ground Music Starts and .....***

I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given **His Son Jesus, the good shepherd** to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these **Bible Seeds**: my commentary on some of these readings.

You can find all of this and print out the PDFs for **Storyline Of The Bible** and **Quotes and Stories from Jesus**. You can download the MP3s, Videos, and my original music from my website: [www.carlvasta.com](http://www.carlvasta.com) Everything is free and there are no sign ups. Enjoy!

### **Ending The Program**

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New podcasts are released on Sundays at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time.  
***God bless you and your loved ones and remember. . .***