



Where is Your Home?

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Luke 16:19-31; II Corinthians 5:8

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- Shanghai Quiz:
 1. How fast is the Maglev train to the Pudong Airport:
 - a. 103 km/h
 - b. 337 km/h
 - c. 431 km/h



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2. What is Pudong Airport built to resemble?

- a. a seagull in flight
- b. a flying saucer
- c. a phoenix



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3. Which international school was the first to open in Shanghai?
- a. Concordia International School
 - b. Shanghai American School
 - c. Yew Chung



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4. What is the official population of Shanghai?

- a. 29,211,000
- b. 17,350,000
- c. 10,808,000



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5. What was the annual ridership of the Shanghai Metro in 2023?

- a. 1 billion
- b. 3.9 billion
- c. 6.3 billion



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- **Where is home for you?**
What are those qualities?
 - a. Familiarity
 - b. Loved ones
 - c. Fit right in
 - d. Place of refuge



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- *“It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this comes judgment”*
Hebrew 9:27

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- Jesus said, “*In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.*” (vs.23)



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“I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows.”

II Cor.12:2

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- Isaiah 57:15, *"For thus says the High and Exalted One who lives forever, whose name is holy, I dwell on a high and holy place,"*
- Isaiah 63:15, *"Look down from heaven and see from Thy holy and glorious habitation."*



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- Lk. 15:10, *“In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*



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- *“We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord”* II Cor.5:8

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 - b. Warn them! (vs.27-31)

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2. It's not enough for God to takes us out of hell; He must take hell out of us.
3. The only reason we can go to heaven is because God left heaven to come to us.