

## **The Pearly Gate Report – by Liz Wood (2018)**

(Jesus stands to one side, facing the audience with his arms stretched in welcome. The angel stands in front of the pearly gates. Blest stands to the other side reporting the event.)

Blest: This is Blest Teller reporting live for Celestial TV at the pearly gates, the new arrivals are in the waiting room, the angel is at the gates and overseeing it all is the man himself, the one and only son of God Jesus! Here they come the new arrivals.

(Enter Just Spendit with a large bag of money)

Blest: Our first new arrival seeking entry into heaven today is the famous, nay infamous, Just Spendit. Just is known across the world for his wild lifestyle and love of fun he's also been involved in many high profile charity events.

(Approaches Just)

Blest: Just, tell us how confident are you of entry into heaven today?

Just: Are you kidding Blest, my charity work is legendary, I've made sure of that. I even gave money to some of them and I've got more to give if I need it (shows the bag) if you get what I mean?

(Just approaches the angel, the angel opens his arms in question, they show the angel their money, the angel shakes their head, Just walks slowly away)

Blest: I don't believe it, all that giving to charity and Just has been turned away, he will have to go back to the waiting room to reconsider what he's done with his life.

(Enter Ivor carrying the book)

Blest: Well next up is an absolute certainty, Ivor Medal OM OBE BEM, Ivor first came to our attention when he contacted the world press to tell them the incredible story of his climb up the tree to save Tabby the cat.

(Approaches Ivor)

Blest: Tell us Ivor will you be passing through those pearly gates today?

Ivor: Have you read my book (waves book around) "My one hundred heroic acts, aren't I awesome" I'm the hero of the century, I've earned my place.

(Ivor approaches the angel, the angel opens his arms in question, Ivor shows the angel his book, the angel shakes their head, Ivor walks slowly away)

Blest: No? No! I don't believe it Ivor hero of the century he says has been sent back to the waiting room to reconsider his life

(Enter Bishop Seymour Gooddeeds)

Blest: Right, okay, well if any of our candidates today are going to pass through those pearly gates, this is the man. Bishop Seymour Gooddeeds has worked tirelessly to help others, he has gone out of his way, sometimes many miles out of his way to ensure people know about his work and see him serving the needs of others.

(Approaches the Bishop)

Blest: Bishop tell us.....

The Bishop: (Waves away the question) I have always said there is nothing I cannot do for God if I set my mind to it. Today I am of a mind to join him.

(The Bishop approaches the angel, the angel opens his arms in question, The Bishop shows the angel his/her self, the angel shakes their head, the Bishop throws up his arms in disgust and storms away)

Blest: He's been turned away! The Bishop has been sent back to the waiting room, I don't believe it! Well that's pretty much it folks, no way those pearly gates are going to open today, we have only one candidate left and well it's her

(Enter Hope struggling to walk)

Blest: Hope Inyou, Hope is... well, we don't really know much about Hope. She's not famous, in fact nobody had even heard of her before she arrived in the waiting room.

(Approaches Hope)

Blest: So, Hope tell us, why should the angel allow you through the pearly gates, what have you done to be here.

Hope: Excuse me, someone is waiting for me.

(Hope approaches the angel, the angel opens his arms in question, Hope shows the angel Jesus, the angel steps aside, Jesus comes over greets Hope and takes her through the pearly gates.)