

Some Things The Rich Man Learned in Hell!



Luke 16:19-31



Essence of Genuine Faith

- **Hebrews 11:1**, *“Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen.”*
- Moses knew God would reward Israel
 - **Hebrews 11:27**, *“By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.”*
- God gives everyone the opportunity to see him
 - **Romans 1:20**, *“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made...”*



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- **Must keep a clear view of the unseen!**
 - **Romans 8:24-25**, *“For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.”*
- **Sight dims, the world takes over our heart**
 - **2 Peter 1:5-7**, Be diligent, add to your faith, *“virtue ...knowledge...self-control...perseverance ...godliness...kindness, and charity (love)”*.
 - **2 Peter 1:10**, *“give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall.”*



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- Two Greek words translated **HELL**
 - Hadean Realm (Hades), as used in **Luke 16:23**
 - Paradise-**Acts 2:31**, Tartarus-**Mark 9:47**
 - A temporary waiting place for final judgment
 - Gehenna, as used in **Matthew 5:22**
 - A fiery, eternal punishment for the ungodly dead
- When one dies, final abode is sealed



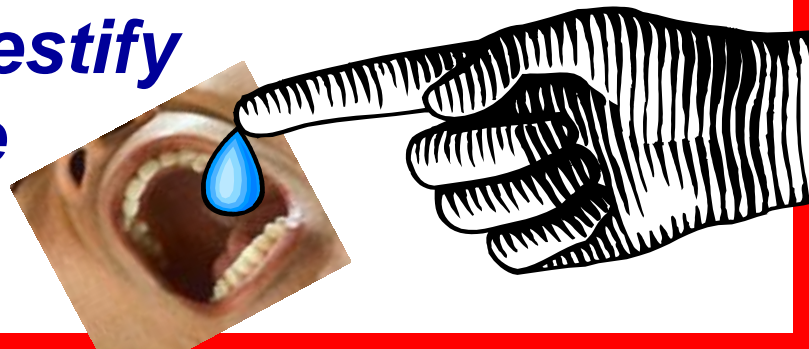
Rich Man & Lazarus

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I. Need for Fervent Prayer

- Value in prayer for those seeing the unseen
 - **Luke 18:1-8**, Widow and the unjust judge
- Why did the Rich Man now pray?
 - **Luke 16:24, 27-28**, *“Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’ ... ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.”*



If We Really Believe God Answers Prayer, How Should We Pray?

- **1 John 5:14-15**, *“this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.”*
- **1 Thessalonians 5:16-17**, *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*



**Prayer is a
barometer of faith !**



2. True Value of Mercy

- He pleads for mercy, but never gave mercy
 - **Luke 16:20-21**, *“there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.”*
- Does mercy have value for us today?
 - **James 2:13**, *“he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.”*

YES!

Are We Merciful?

Do We Need God's Mercy?

- **Proverbs 1:24-29**, *"I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, Because you despised all my counsel, And despised my rebuke, I also will mock when you are in distress, And when your terror comes, you will cry out, and you will cry out, and anguish will come upon you, and they will call on me, but I will not answer, they will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the Lord"*

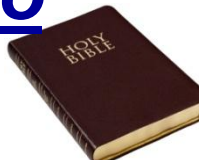
3. Deep Concern for the Lost

- He now pleads for teachers to teach the lost, but he had no concern for it in his lifetime
 - **Luke 16:27-28**, *“I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.”*
 - **Luke 16:29-31**, *“Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them’. And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.”*



Are We Concerned for the Lost?

- Can't we do as the early church did?
 - **Acts 5:42**, *“And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.”*
- Shouldn't we do all we can to teach the Truth?
 - **2 Corinthians 5:10-11**, *“we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.”*



4. Realizing the Severity of Hell

- He now hates sin & knows Hell is real
 - **Luke 16:24**, *“have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, the he may dip the tip of his finger in water , and cool my tongue, for I am TORMENTED IN THIS FLAME.”*
 - **Luke 16:25**, *“in thy lifetime receivedest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou are tormented...beside all of this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed...”*

• Worldliness & Ignorance of Ted Turner

- *“I am looking forward to dying and going to hell because that’s where I’m headed.”*



If he only knew what it was really like!

Do We Realize the Severity of Hell?

- Fire not quenched, **Mark 9:47-48, Matt. 18:8**
- Outer darkness, **Matt. 25:30**
- Weeping & Gnashing, **Matt. 8:12**
- Everlasting punishment, **Matt. 25:46**
- Eternal damnation, **Matt. 10:28**
- Everlasting destruction, **2 Thess. 1:7-9**
- Torment forever, **Rev. 14:11**

A Place of NO Hope!

Luke 16:26

5. Respect for God's Word

- **Luke 16:22-23**, *“the rich man died, and was buried; and in Hell he lift up his eyes being in torments”*
- **Hebrews 9:27**, *“it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”*

5 Seconds in Hell, he...

- *Prayed fervently*
- *Begged for mercy*
- *Had a deep concern for the lost*
- *Hated sin & understood severity of hell*
- *Respected God's Word*

