

Lazarus and the Rich Man

"a great chasm has been fixed between us and you, so that those who want to pass over from here to you cannot; neither can those from there cross over to us." Luke 16:26

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Text: Luke 16:19-31

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As you learn about Hell from Jesus...

- 1) Witness the _____ of those who go there (19-24)
 - A. Four aspects specified in the passage are:
 - i. Torment in the flame (vv. 23–25)
 - ii. Perpetual memory of opportunity forfeited (v. 25)
 - iii. Awareness of blessings lost (v. 23)
 - iv. Separation from the presence and blessings of God (v. 26).
 - B. Other aspects mentioned elsewhere:
 - i. Outer Darkness (Matthew 25:30)
 - ii. Weeping (Matthew 25:30)
 - iii. Gnashing of Teeth (Matthew 25:30)
 - iv. Worm does not die (Mark 9:48)
 - v. Fire not quenched (Mark 9:48)
 - vi. Unquenchable Fire (Mark 9:43)
 - vii. Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:15)
- 2) Wonder at its _____ (25-26)
 - A. The Rich Man had made his decisions in life (vs. 25)
 - i. Principle: Right Now Counts Forever
 - B. The gulf is fixed. (vs. 26)
 - i. None will ever cross over into heaven.
- 3) _____ others from such an awful fate (27-31)
 - A. Hear the prayer from Hell. (27-29)
 - B. Help get the word of God to the Lost. (29-31)

Application Questions.

Answers to some of the following questions will be found in Luke 16.

1. What do you imagine heaven and hell will be like?
2. How did Jesus describe the rich man in the story? (16:19)
3. What does the story tell us about Lazarus? (16:20)
4. What difference did the rich man's wealth make in his eternal destiny? (16:22-23)
5. What does this parable reveal about heaven and hell? (16:22-31)
6. What did the rich man see from his place in hell? (16:23)
7. What was the other reason why Lazarus could not help the rich man? (16:26)
8. Why did Abraham say that Moses and the Prophets should be enough for the rich man's brothers? (16:29, 31)
9. What did the rich man think was necessary to convince his brothers to believe? (16:30)
10. If Christians believe in the reality of hell, what do you think stops them from sharing their faith with others?
11. What do you think prevents people from accepting the gospel of Jesus Christ?
12. What have you learned from this parable about the eternal value of material possessions?
13. What things do you think have eternal value?
14. What could you do to be less concerned with earthly things and more devoted to things that have eternal significance?
15. How many people like Lazarus do you know who could benefit from your compassion today?