



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 16:19-31 (NAS)

Topic: "A Reality Check on What Follows This Life"

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- 19 "Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day.
- 20 "And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,
- 21 and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.
- 22 "Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried.
- 23 "In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and *saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.
- 24 "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'
- 25 "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.
- 26 'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'
- 27 "And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house--
- 28 for I have five brothers--in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'
- 29 "But Abraham *said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'
- 30 "But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!'
- 31 "But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

I. THE PURSUIT OF RICHES, PLEASURE AND PRESTIGE

- A. The Pharisees
- B. The Rich Man In The Parable
1. No untoward behavior
 2. Money which he spent on himself

II. ETERNITY – TWO OPTIONS

- A. Heaven
1. Many misconceptions

2. Will not be boring
3. Free from effects of sin *Revelation 21:1, 3, 4; I Corinthians 2:9*

B. Hell

1. Just as real as heaven
2. Unimagined misery *Mark 9:43, 48*
3. Jesus is the primary spokesman on the subject

III. FALSE TEACHING ABOUT HELL

- A. Universalism – Denies A Need For The Savior
- B. Annihilationism – Merely Cease To Exist *Matthew 25:46*
- C. Purgatory – Works To Complete Salvation

IV. ETERNITY UNCHANGINABLY DETERMINED IN THIS LIFE

- A. No Purgatory
- B. No Second Chances *Hebrews 9:27*
- C. There Will Be A Day Of Judgment *Philippians 2:10*
- D. There Is No Soul Sleep *II Corinthians 5:8; Philippians 1:21-23*