

# The Rich man and Lazarus

*Luke 16: 19-31*

# Outline – Luke 16:19

Parable has three aspects for all of mankind:

- 1) Life (19-21)
- 2) Death (22)
- 3) Life After Death (23-31)

# A Parable of Contrasts - Life

Rich Man	Poor Man
Wealthy rich man	Impoverished beggar
Inside the house	Outside the house
Dressed in purple	Filthy rags
Fine linen (Comfort on the body)	Sores (clothes stick to and rip off the skin)
Has abundance of food	Hungry
Has abundance of drink	Thirsty
Desired nothing	Needed everything for life needs
Satisfied	Suffered
Joyous living	Sad Life
Happy	Tormented even by dogs
Honored	Humiliated
Respected	Looked down upon
Joyous partying	Laid at the gate
Feasting	Desired dirty bread to eat
Gave no help to the poor man	Needed help from the rich man
Had hope every day of his life	Had no hope for relief
Well-known	A nobody

# A Parable of Contrasts -Death

Rich Man	Poor Man
Honored	Dishonored
Dignified	Undignified
Lavish funeral	No one even attended or noticed he died
No Angels	Angels carried him to Abraham
Buried	Body thrown somewhere

# A Parable of Contrasts – Life after death

Rich Man	Poor Man
Poorer than the poor man on earth	Richer than the rich man on earth
Outside (Hell/Hades)	Inside the kingdom of God (Heaven)
Starving	Heavenly banquet with Abraham
Thirsty	Fully satisfied
Pain and torment	Happy with no pain (Glorified body)
Longed for a drop of water	Lavish feasting
Dishonored	Honored and respected
No name	Has a name Lazarus
Unknown	Known of God and Abraham
Sought help	Needed no help now
Hopes vanished (Hopeless)	Hopes realized and real
Cries out	Never speaks
In Pain (agony)	No more pain
Discomfort	Comforted
Alone	Surrounded by people
Receiving wrath	Receiving Joy
Begger	Blessed
In need of Mercy	Has received full Mercy from God

# I) In Life (19-21)

## 1) The Rich mans life

- A. Rich
- B. Dressed in Purple
- C. Fine Linen
- D. Joyously living
- E. Splendor



## 2) The Poor mans life

- A. Poor
- B. Laid
- C. Covered in Sores
- D. Hungry longing to be fed
- E. Dogs licking him



## II) In Death (22)

### 1) The Poor mans death

- A. Dies
- B. Carried away by Angels
- C. Abrahams location (Heaven)



# What is meant by Abrahams Bosom

1. He was comforted by Abraham
2. He was accepted by Abraham
3. He had fellowship with Abraham
4. To lean on someone's bosom was done during eating times. (John 12:23.)
5. He was loved by Abraham.
6. Abraham is in heaven. Therefore, this poor man was in heaven.



## II) In Death (22)

### 1) The Poor mans death

- A. Dies
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- C. Abrahams location (Heaven)



### 2) The Rich mans death

- A. Dies
- B. Buried
- C. Hades



# III) Life After Death (23-31)

## A. In Hades (23)

A. Seeing Abraham in Heaven

B. Lazarus in his bosom

## B. Cries out for Mercy (24)

A. Have Mercy

B. Commands Abraham

C. Still thinks he has authority over Lazarus



### III) Life After Death (23-31)

#### C. Abrahams response of comparisons (25)

- A. You received good things
- B. Lazarus received bad things
- C. Now Lazarus is comforted
- D. Now you are in Agony

#### D. Great Fixed Chasm (26)

#### E. Appeal for Mercy on Others (27-28)

#### F. Gods Word is Sufficient – for all things (29-31)



# Old Testament Revelations Are Sufficient To Avoid Hell

1. God is Holy, Sovereign, Creator and Lawgiver. God judged sin at the fall (Gen 3)
2. Sinners must repent – Jonah, Job and David
3. Salvation is by God's grace (Jer 31:31-34)
4. God forgives the true repentant sinner. (Psalm 32,51,103; Mic 7:18-19)
5. God provides salvation through faith alone. (Gen15:6)
6. Righteousness was imputed, not earned.
7. Through the sacrificial system, God's justice was satisfied by transferring his judgement to a substitute.
8. The Messiah would come and redeem them from their sins. (Gen 3, Isa 53)
9. Salvation requires forsaking all sin. (Psalm 3:8)

# Applications

1. The Scriptures are sufficient for Salvation
2. Christ is revealed in the Old testament
3. Examine yourself to see which road you are on?
4. If you are heading to Hades – Believe in Jesus Christ, repent and be baptized.
5. No appeal for mercy was granted in Hell. Respond today, for today is the day of salvation.
6. You cannot serve God and money (Psalm 62:10 – *“if riches increase, set not your heart on them.”*)
7. Believer: Study Gods word and pray. (2 Tim 3:16,17)
8. Believer: Your eternal destiny and comfort is secure in the Lord. (Jude 24,25)
9. Care for those in need (Matthew 25:31-46)