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Luke 16:19-31

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19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. **20** At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores **21** and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

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“The picture is one of absolute degradation... The Jews viewed dogs as detestable animals and dangerous scavengers, not lovable pets.”

**Zondervan Illustrated Bible Background
Commentary**

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Luke 16:22-24

22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. **24** So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’”

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“The rich man did not go to hell because of his wealth but because he was selfish, refusing to feed Lazarus, take him in, or to care for him. The rich man was hardhearted in spite of his great blessings.”

NIV 1984 Life Application Study Bible

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“New Testament teaching about hell is meant to appall us and fill us with horror, persuading us that though heaven will be better than we could dream, so hell will be worse than we can imagine. These are the issues of eternity that must be realistically faced.”

Reformation Study Bible

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Luke 16:25-26

25 “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.

26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

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“In a masterly summery, Jesus contrasts the previous state of the rich man and Lazarus with the “now” and ”here” of their situations after death. Verse 26 shows the utter and unchangeable finality of their decision.”

Expositor's Bible Commentary

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Luke 16:27-30

27 “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, **28** for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ **29** “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ **30** “ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’”

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“If people’s minds are closed and Scripture is rejected, no evidence-not even a resurrection-will change them.”

NIV 2011 Study Bible

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Luke 16:31

31 “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

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“This [v.31] speaks powerfully of the singular sufficiency of Scripture to overcome unbelief. The gospel itself is the power of God unto salvation. Since unbelief is at heart a moral, rather than an intellectual problem, no amount of evidence will ever turn unbelief to faith. But the revealed Word of God has inherent power to do so.”

MacArthur NIV 2011 Study Bible

Applications

- **We should and must share our resources with people who have nothing.**
- **Jesus will hold us accountable.**
- **Hell is real.**
- **Hell is eternal.**
- **There is no second chance when someone is there, it's a one way ticket.**

Final Thoughts

James 2:14-16

14 What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? **15** Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. **16** If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

Final Thoughts

“These images are among the most tragic and serious warnings in the Bible. Our culture avoids such ideas by denying their truth. This is a fateful gamble to make; for if one is wrong, the consequences are devastating. Refusal to respond exacts a great price.”

Darrell Bock

Final Thoughts

2 Thessalonians 1:7b-9

7b This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. **8** He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. **9** They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might

Final Thoughts

Matthew 25:41, 46

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.’”

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Final Thoughts

Revelation 20:11-15

11 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. The earth and the heavens fled from his presence, and there was no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books.

13 The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what they had done.

14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. **15** Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

Final Thoughts

“All receive what they chose, either to be with God forever, or to be without Him. Those who are in hell will know, not only that for their doings they deserve it, but that in their hearts they chose it.”

Reformation Study Bible

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Ezekiel 33:11

11 Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

Final Thoughts

Mark 1:15

15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”