

THE TIME CAME - Lc. 16: 19-31 (16: 22)

I. WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE ALL THINGS ARE TEMPORARY AND ARE DYING - COUNTDOWN

- We're going to eternity. Our life is like a breath, a flower that soon withers and vanishes, like a swift vapor as a brief thought. Everything passes quickly and we fly away. Everything about us is dying except our soul.

Psalm 90: 1-10 " Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.."

1. Beauty is temporary - *Sarah was a beautiful and desired woman at the age of 60 at the court of Egypt, yet the day came when Abraham, her husband, had to buy a field to bury her (Gen. 23: 4).*

2. The strength of the body is temporary - *David was a shepherd and a strong warrior. He killed a lion, a bear, and a giant, but one day he got old and needed to be cared for on the deathbed as a child. (I Rs.1: 1)*

3. Wisdom also is temporary - *Solomon was one of the wisest man of his day. But at the end of his days he became foolish and allowed his women to incline his heart to other gods (1 Kings 11: 2).*

4. This system is temporary – *The Bible tells that God had prepared new heavens and new earth. Jesus said: Heavens and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away (Mat. 24: 35)*

THE TIME CAME: Luke 16: 22

- *For Lazarus to die – His horrible conditions (ulcers all over the body, infection, hunger, dogs saliva in contact with blood streams caused bacterial infection (wild dogs – Pariah)*
- *It is not mentioned how long it took for the rich man to die – healthy, wealthy, well feed, respect and very honour. THE TIME CAME FOR HIM TO DIE AS WELL.*

JESUS DISCLOSED A VEIL. HE REVIEW THE AFTER DEATH EVENTS

There is one notable thing about this Scripture passage: it is easy to understand. We may disagree with it, deny its truth, or despise its teachings, but only a dull person would not understand it.

Jesus in this text opens the curtains and raises the tip of the veil and shows us what comes after death:

Jesus spoke more about hell than heaven

The word hell was quoted 23 times in N.T.

12 times as GEHENAH – VALLEY OF HINNOM- Place where garbage and dead animals were burned in southern Jerusalem.

10 times as HADES

HELL WAS MADE FOR THE DEVIL AND DEMONS

Mat. 25: 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.

GOD WOULD NOT DELIGHT TO SEE HUMANITY IN HELL

I Tm. 2: 3-4 "This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth

Even though the Bible has much to say about Hell, the doctrine is still ridiculed by many. The idea of Hell is usually attacked along three lines of thought.

1. **Rationalism**: The rationalist says, "***There is no God, therefore there can be no Hell.***" Charles Darwin said, "***This (referring to Hell) is a damnable doctrine.***"

But I say, "***Let God be true and every man a liar!***"

2. **Ridicule**: those who ridicule the doctrine of Hell say, "***There may be a God, but it is silly to speculate about millions of disembodied spirits frying in a lake of fire somewhere.***"

3. **Religion**: The religionist says, "***There is a God, but He is a God of love and therefore He would not or could not send anyone to Hell.***" This is the position of all the cults and of the liberals.

Christian Science: "***Hell is an error of the mortal mind.***"

Jehovah's Witnesses: "***The wicked will be annihilated.***"

Mormonism: "***All will eventually be saved, and will not suffer eternal punishment.***"

The ancient serpent continues to distil its poison, saying to the men, "Surely you will not die" (Gen. 3.4).

- *Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, and the judgment after this,*

LUCAS 16.19-31 - TWO MEN AND TWO DESTINATIONS (THE TWO FUNERALS - POOR X RICH)

Now, in this passage, we are confronted with two main people. The story of these men is a story of contrasts.

1. There is a Contrast in the Men, Manner of death, Destination

The tomb of a rich man and the funeral participants (several friends, saying: he was good, he was wise, he was intelligent, what a great loss!) Buried in a granite tomb and with various phrases of honor - remembering that this man was religious, since he calls Abraham his father. Maybe every Sabbath he was in the synagogue!)

- *While Lazarus probably after his death, with his whole body infected by ulcers, they took him and cast him into a pit, or perhaps in the valley of hinnom (Hell as translated)*

IT IS CLEAR OF ACQUIS WITH LUCAS 16 THAT DOES NOT EXIST:

1. Sleep of the soul or annihilation - v. 23
2. Reincarnation - v. 31
3. The Purgatory - v. 26

TRUTHS ARE CLEARLY UNDERSTANDED

- a) Hell is a place of torment - v. 23
- b) Hell is a place where there is no comfort - v. 24.25 (send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue” v. 24)
- c) Hell is a place where you can not get out - v. 26
- d) Hell is a place where the call is not answered - v. 27
- e) Hell is a place of bitter memories - v. 27.28
- f) Hell is a place where the prayer for family can no longer be answered - v. 28-30.

Why did the rich go to hell?

- a) Was it because he was rich? NO (Abraham was rich and was in Paradise)

“Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. (Gen 13: 2)

b) Is it because of the fine linen? NO (Jesus' clothing was valuable - the soldiers cast lots to possess them.)

“This garment was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom. “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled that said, “They divided my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.” John 19: 24 – Psalm 22: 18)

WHAT CAUSES HIM TO BE TAKEN TO HELL?

1. Because he rejected the testimony of the prophets and of Lazarus when I live (v. 27, 29)

The Word was preached. It was not for lack of prophets.

2. Because he made his own religion and rejected the Lord's salvation - Luke 16:30 (he had his own theology. Even in hell he argued with the men of God).

And he said, No, father Abraham; but if any of the dead go to them, they will repent,

(who knows. May be he use to say like many: "I do not believe in hell - God does not send anyone to hell - Hell is here.")

THE FINAL ANSWERED OF ABRAHAM: V. 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.’”

THIS EPISODY MUST WAKING US UP FOR THE IMPORTANT THINGS ON THIS LIFE

1. THERE IS HOPE – THERE IS A PLACE CALL HEAVEN (PARADISE)

I Co. 2: 9 However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”— the things God has prepared for those who love him—

2. YOU MUST KNOW THE HELL SHOULD NOT BE YOUR FINAL DESTITY. HOW?

Repent of your past sins

- *Luke 13: 3 "No, I tell you; but if ye repent not, ye shall all likewise perish. "*
- *ACTS 2:38 And Peter said unto them, Repent, and every man ...*

3. Believing or having faith in Jesus -

- **John 3:36** - Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever rejects the Son will not see life. Instead, the wrath of God remains on him."
- **John 6:40** - For it is My Father's will that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."
(THE THIEF ON THE CROSS)
- **1 John 5:13** "I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."
- Rom. 10: 13 "for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

4. YOU WILL BRING NOTHING TO ETERNITY

Job 1:21 "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised."

THREE REQUEST OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT

I would like the world to know of these three fundamentals:

I want my physicians to carry my coffin because people should realize that no doctor can really cure anybody. They are powerless and cannot save a person from the clutches of death.

My second wish to strew gold, silver and other precious stones on the way to the graveyard is to let the people know that though I spent all my life accumulating riches, not even a grain of gold will come with me when I leave this world

With my third wish of having my hands dangling out of the coffin, I want people to know that I came empty handed into this world and likewise will go empty handed from this world.

5. IF YOU TRULY BELIVE IN GOD'S WORDS; THINK OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A CHRISTIAN:

- WE MUST SPEAK. PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS, FAMILY.
- ASK THE LORD FOR POWER FRON THE HOLY SPIRIT TO WITNESS TO THE LOST

- TELL JESUS: LORD YOU CAN COUNT ON ME!

Rom 10: 14-15 “ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news”