



The **RICH MAN**

&

**LAZARUS**

Luke 16:19-31



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## The Context



- The Lord Jesus has been speaking to the crowds, among whom are Pharisees.
- They grumbled against Jesus for receiving sinners & eating with them (Luke 15:2).
- In response to this, Jesus told three parables, all of which dealt with the finding of something lost (Luke 15:3-32).



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## The Context



- In chapter 16, the parable of the shrewd steward. (1-8)
- The message for the disciples is their need to be faithful to God in ALL things - serving only God (9-13)
- The grumbling of the Pharisees turned sour—to scoffing - they were lovers of money - (14)



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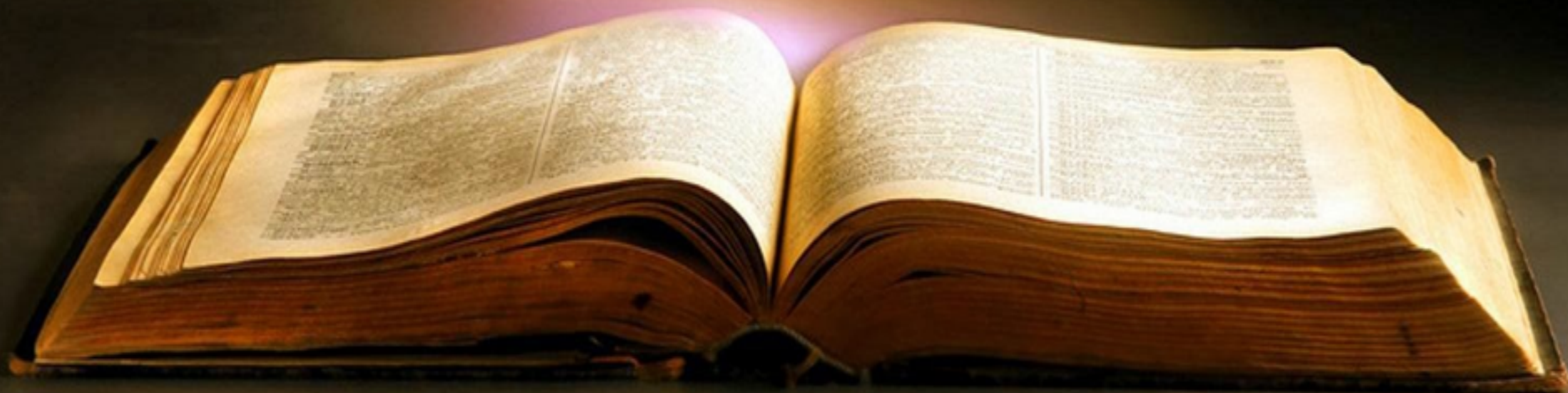


- In response to the scoffing of the money-loving Pharisees (16:14), Jesus deals with their fundamental (root) problem -
- They were unfaithful materialist - who set aside God's Law whenever it suited them to satisfy their lust - (16:15-18)



# **Luke 16:19-31 (NKJV)**

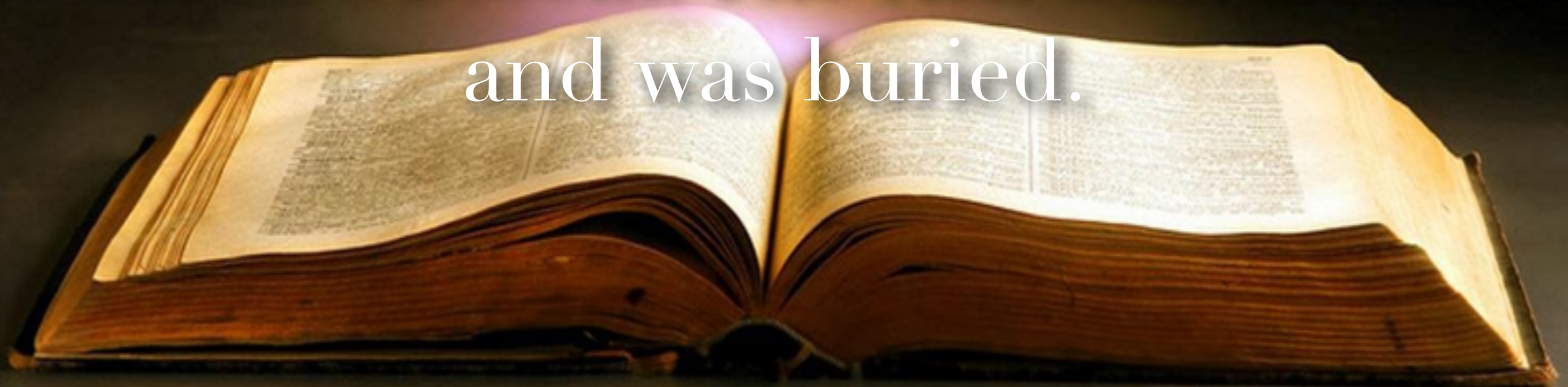
<sup>19</sup> "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate,





# **Luke 16:19-31 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.





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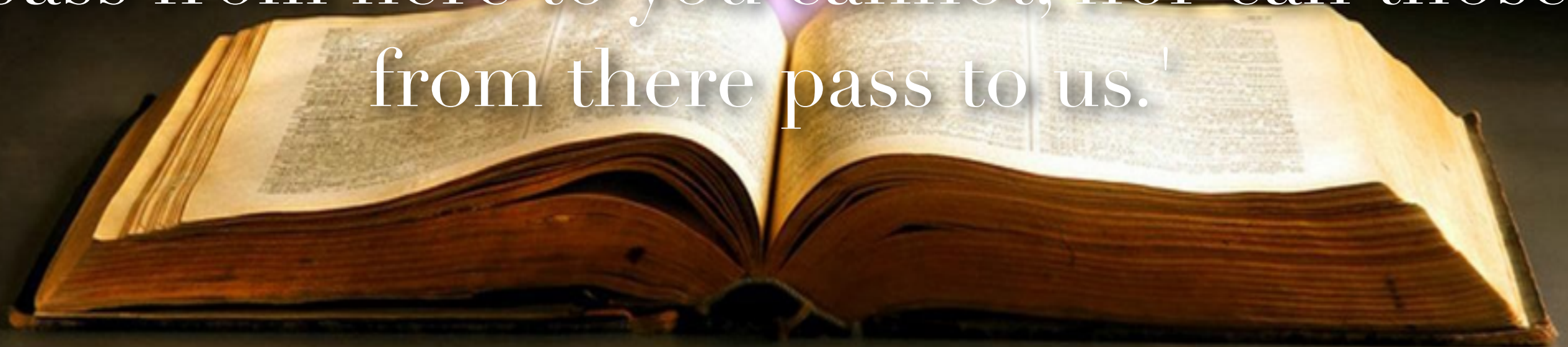
<sup>23</sup> And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. <sup>24</sup> Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'





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<sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'





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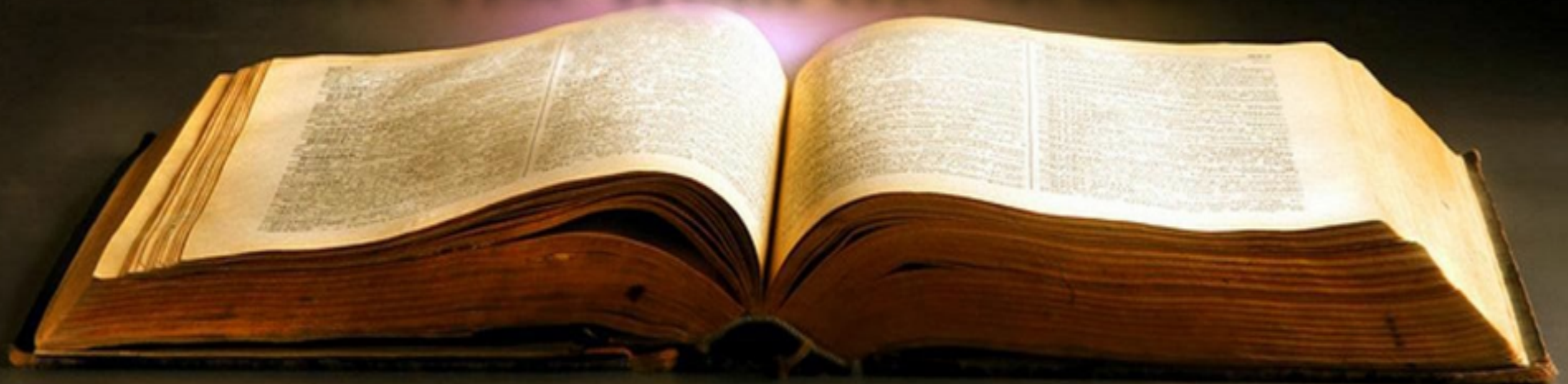
<sup>27</sup> Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup> Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.'





# **Luke 16:19-31 (NKJV)**

<sup>30</sup> And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup> But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "





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## Validity of The Narrative



- Not called a parable -
- Does not have the marks of a parable -
- Contains proper names
- Parable or not – it teaches the truth!



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## Destroys Several False D



- Universalism
- Annihilationism
- Purgatory
- Soul-Sleeping
- Second Chance



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## The Two Men While Living



**A certain  
rich man  
16:19,25**

*Fine clothes - Clothed in  
purple and fine linen  
Plenty to eat & enjoy - "Fared  
sumptuously every day"  
Received Good Things - 25*



**A beggar  
Lazarus -  
16:20,21,25**

*Full of sores licked by dogs  
Laid at the rich man's gate,  
Hoping to be fed crumbs from  
the rich man's table  
Received evil things - 25*



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## The Two Men While Living



**A certain  
rich man  
16:19,25**

*From all appearances, the Pharisees would have supposed, was a righteous man. Surely he would go to heaven when he died.*



**A beggar  
Lazarus -  
16:20,21,25**

*He was the kind of person that the Pharisees would brand a “sinner,” a man whom, in their minds, was cursed by God - lost.*



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## The Two Men In Death



**A certain  
rich man  
16:22-28**

*Died - had a funeral  
Conscious - knew where he  
was & where he wasn't  
Tormented in flames  
Couldn't change his state*



**A beggar  
Lazarus -  
16:22-27**

*Died - no funeral mentioned  
Carried away by angels to  
Abraham's bosom  
Comforted -  
Couldn't change his state*



# The RICH MAN & LAZARUS

## The Two Men In Death



**A certain  
rich man  
16:22-28**

*Beyond opportunity for  
receiving mercy  
Could remember his life and  
those he cared about  
Couldn't help those on earth*



**A beggar  
Lazarus -  
16:22-27**

*Died - no funeral mentioned  
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## The Rich Man's Request



- The plea for mercy for himself - that Lazarus be sent to dip his finger in water and touch his tongue - 16:24-26
- He failed to value spiritual things in life - spent his time pursuing material things - 12:21; 16:13
- He chose his own end and must now suffer the consequences - Mat 7:13,14; Gal. 6:7-9



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- The plea for mercy for himself - that Lazarus be sent to dip his finger in water and touch his tongue - 16:24-26
- Besides - one cannot go from one section of hades to the other - after death, one's eternal state is sealed - Heb 9:27; 2 Thes 1:7-9
- Status' had changed - the rich man lived in pleasure for a little while - Lazarus will live in pleasure forever.



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## The Rich Man's Request



- The plea for mercy for his five brothers - 16:27-31
- That Abraham might send Lazarus to warn them of this place - Abraham says they have Moses and the prophets (*i.e., the word of God*)
- The rich man fears that will be inadequate to convince them to repent -



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## The Rich Man's Request



- The plea for mercy for his five brothers - 16:27-31
- Abraham says that if they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, neither would they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.
- Jesus later raises a man named Lazarus from the dead - John 11:38-44 - *(The Jewish leaders hated Jesus even more and sought to kill Him & Lazarus - John 11:45-57; 12:9-11)*



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## The Rich Man's Request



- The plea for mercy for his five brothers - 16:27-31
- Jesus was raised from the dead - but that didn't convince most of the Jews either! - (Mat 28:11-15; John 5:42-47; Acts 17:5)
- If men today will not accept the word of God and the testimony of His resurrection by the apostles, we reject the ONLY means of salvation - (Acts 2:30-38; Rom 1:16; 10:17)



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## The Word "Hades"

- In Classical Greek...
- Homer - "god of the underworld"
- In other literature, it stood for "the underworld" as the abode of all the dead which was divided into two parts (similar to Luke 16)
- These two parts were 1) The "Elysian fields", & 2) "Tartarus", the place of punishment





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## The Word "Hades"

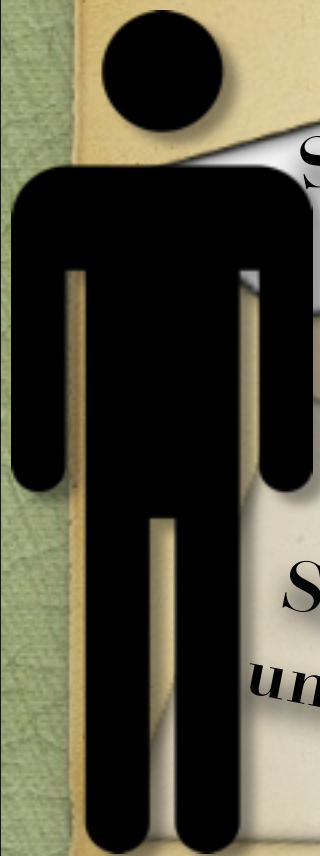
- Eleven times in the NT:
  - It is translated "hades" in the NKJV & "hell" 10 times in the KJV (Mat 11:23; 16:18; Luke 10:15; 16:23; Ac 2:27, 31; Rev 1:18; 6:8; 20:13,14), and once it is the "grave" (1 Co 15:55)
  - The realm of ALL the dead and made up of two separate parts... Paradise and Tartarus - cf. Acts 2:27,31; 2 Pe 2:4,9





# HADES: *Temp. Abode of Departed Spirits*

Mat 7:13,14



Soul of the  
righteous

Jesus  
Thief  
Lazarus  
**PARADISE**

Great Gulf

Soul of the  
unrighteous

**TORMENT**  
Rich man



**JUDGMENT**

Heaven

2 Cor 5:10

Hell

Eccl. 12:7



Body to  
the grave

Resurrection  
John 5:28,29

Mat 25:46



Mat 25:41





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## Lessons From The Text



- Wealth & poverty are not accurate indicators of ones standing before God - Mark 10:23; Luke 12:21; James 2:5
- Money is amoral – righteousness is what matters!! - 2 Tim 6:17-19
- Our standing before God, NOT MEN, is the ONLY standing that really matters! - 16:15; Mat 23:27



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## Lessons From The Text



- Death is the common end for all classes of mankind - ("*the same event happens to them all*" - cf. Ecc 2:14)
- Will not take ANY material thing with us from this world - It is foolish to seek riches of this world and not lay up treasure in heaven - (Luke 12:20)
- Unconverted men find out the value of their soul after death, when it is too late - (Mt 16:26)



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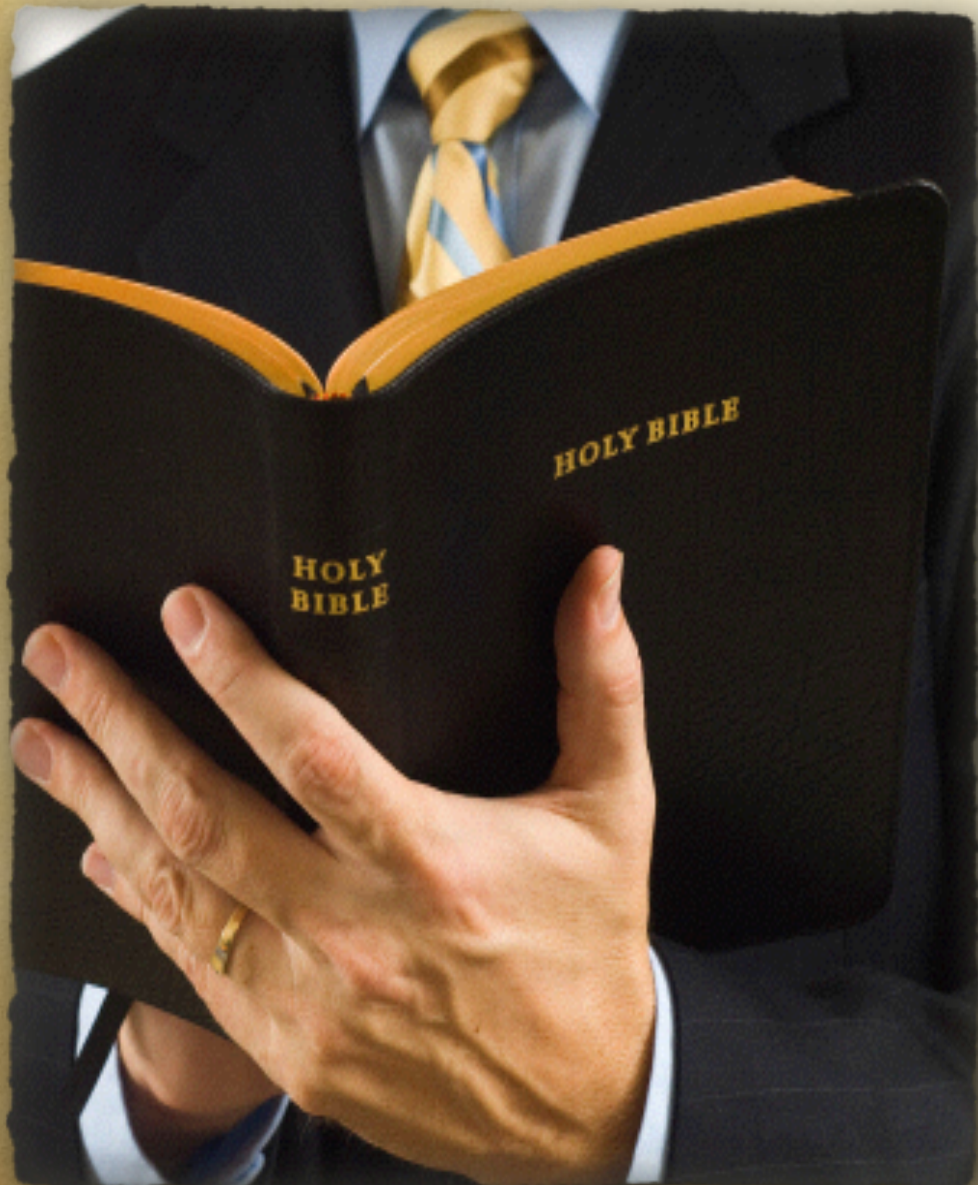


- The reality of hell - (Mt 25:41,46)
- The wicked do not cease to exist (*"he lifted up his eyes and saw"*) - 23
- The wicked are aware of where they are, and what is going on (*"I am tormented in this flame"*) - 24b
- Recognize others (*"Father Abraham ... send Lazarus ..."*) - 24a
- Remember those who have yet to follow them in death - (*"for I have five brothers"*) - 28a



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## Lessons From The Text



- The importance of heeding the Word of God! - Lk 16:29
- Only by heeding the Word of God can one escape the torment of Hades - *John 6:63; 2 Thes 1:7-9; Jn 12:48; Jam 1:18,21; 1 Pet 1:22-25*
- If God's Word doesn't move you to repent, a miracle won't either! - 31; *cf. Ac 13:46; 17:1-3; Rom 10:17; Jn 20:30,31*



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## Lessons From The Text



- We will be Conscious after death!! – Phil 1:23
- There Will Be NO Second Chance After Death!! - Heb 9:27
- We Must Hear & Obey Jesus Christ or Be Lost For All Eternity!! – 2 Cor. 5:10
- We must love & care for our fellow man – seeking spiritual things rather than material things!! - Gal 6:10; Rom 8:5-8



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## Lessons From The Text



If I am lost it  
will be MY  
fault!! —

Titus 2:11,12; 2 Pet  
3:9; Rev 22:17



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## Lessons From The Text



- Are you ready for YOUR existence after death???
- Today is the day of salvation!!
- Is there ANYTHING you have, or are seeking, or are doing that you are willing to forfeit heaven for?
- How will you feel about that thing the second after you die????







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# ECCLESIASTES 12:6-14 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl is broken, Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well. <sup>7</sup> Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it. <sup>8</sup> "Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher, "All is vanity."





# ECCLIESIASTES 12:6-14 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered and sought out and set in order many proverbs. <sup>10</sup> The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright--words of truth. <sup>11</sup> The words of the wise are like goads, and the words of scholars are like well-driven nails, given by one Shepherd.





# ECCLIESIASTES 12:6-14 (NKJV)

<sup>12</sup> And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> Let us hear the conclusion of the

whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. <sup>14</sup>

For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing,  
Whether good or evil.

