

Luke 16 Pt 2

Spirit Outpouring

III. Momentarily Faring Sumptuously

- Jesus on way to Jerusalem
- Lunch Ch. 14 at Pharisees home. Now outside
- Instructs new disciples **as Pharisees listen in ...**
 1. Jesus ate with sinners Religious derided Him
 2. Jesus calls them out for love of money the tells this parable...

19 "There was a certain rich man who was **clothed in purple** and **fine linen** and **fared sumptuously** every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 **desiring to be fed** with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

- **Nameless Rich Man**
 1. Clothed in Purple
 2. Finest Linen
 3. Fared Sumptuously **every day**
- **Fared** lit. Rejoiced, made merry, made glad , treated himself well
- **Sumptuously** lit. Shining , Brilliant, Gorgeous, lived in luxury

**Lived in luxury. Existed to solely to make himself merry EVERY DAY
Nameless Rich Man...**

- **Named Beggar**
 1. **Lazarus** full of sores from not being turned
 2. Not parable **historical event**
 3. Laid at the gate of rich man

Kingdom of Self vs Kingdom of God and Consequences

22 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**. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Both men die: All men die. 1:1 Ratio
Death is common to ALL people...as is the judgment that follows.

Hebrews 9:27 ...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment

- **Lazarus** Angels to Paradise of Abrahams bosom
- **Rich man** Buried. Lands in Hades of Abraham's bosom

Abraham's Bosom: Two Waiting Areas

- **Paradise:** Waiting Area for saved as they looked forward to Cross
 1. **Temporal** Taste of Eternal Heaven
 2. Jesus would rise and take the thief on cross to empty this place
- **Hades:** Waiting Area for lost as they await White Throne Judgment and Hell
 1. **Temporal** Taste of Eternal Hell
 2. Eventually cast into hell. No second chance

IOWs Paradise is empty as Jesus took thief on cross with Him to set captives free
Hades filled with lost till cast into the Lake of Fire after the Millenium and WTJ

Revelation 20:14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was **cast into the lake of fire.**

- **IOWs:** No one is in hell today
 1. **1st Residents of hell:** AC/FP at Jesus second coming.
 2. **Satan bound:** 1000 years during Millenium
 3. **After 1000 years** White Throne Judgement
 - **Satan Released/**Deceives World/Cast into hell with AC/FP
 - **Satan's Followers/**All those in Hades at WTJ cast into Lake of Fire
 - **IOWs** Rich man still in Hades today till WTJ then hell
- **Rich man:** Not damned for riches [though easier for camel...]

Two Men/Two Eternal Destinies determined by one choice
Rich man chose **Kingdom of Self**/Lazarus chose the **Kingdom of God**

▪ **Jesus on Cross w/2 Thieves**

Luke 23:39 Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us."40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for **we receive the due reward of our deeds**; but this Man has done nothing wrong."42 Then he said to Jesus, "**Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom.**"43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today **you will be with Me in Paradise.**"

Two Men/Two Eternal Destinies determined by **one choice**

- Both thieves ridiculed Jesus [Mark 15:32]
- One thief persists **is lost**
- One repents and **is saved**...what did he believe?
 1. He was a sinner
 2. Jesus was Savior
 3. Jesus would resurrect
 4. Jesus was King of Eternal Kingdom

- **Rich man's fate is sealed**

1. Sees Abraham afar off across the gulf
2. Sees Lazarus rejoicing with Abraham. **Too late**

24 "Then [the rich man] 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.'

Matthew 22:37 [Greatest Command of God] "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 **On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.**"

- **Words reveal his sin:** User of others not a lover of others

1. Still thinks he's calling the shots
2. Send Lazarus with water?

- **NOTE:** Tormented in Flames. Senses active

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| 1. Sees | Others Rejoicing |
| 2. Feels | Elements |
| 3. Thirsts | Unsatisfied |

All that Lazarus experienced when placed at the rich man's gate desiring to be fed
IOWs Through indifference the rich man bought his own ticket

Isaiah 50:11 Look, all you who **kindle a fire**, Who **encircle yourselves with sparks**: Walk in the **light of your fire** and in the sparks you have kindled—This you shall have from My hand: **You shall lie down in torment.**

- Lived in light of own making/Die from same fire
- Satisfying self in temporal/Now no satisfaction for eternity

Send Lazarus? That's the Problem
 Have mercy? Time has expired for mercy...

25 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**. 26 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.'

- **IOWs** Even if mercy were available its physically impossible
- **Point:** Fate is sealed by choice you made while living

Cannot serve the Living God and the god of Mammon [Demonic personification of riches]
 You chose Mammon and Mammon is a god that can't save

Job 21:13 They spend their days in wealth, And in a moment go down to the grave.

Luke 6:24 "But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation.

James 5:1 Come now, you rich, **weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you!** 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in the last days. 4 Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. 5 You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury; you have fattened your hearts as in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned; you have murdered the just; he does not resist you.

Nobodies a big shot after they die

Lazarus is not coming to comfort you. Your time for mercy is expired

27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would **send him** to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.'

Send him?

- Send him back from the dead to preach to my family
- **NOTE:** He knew that Lazarus knew the way of Salvation

29 Abraham said to [the rich man], 'They have Moses and the prophets; **let them hear them.**'

They have access to the Word of God... Other things were more important

- **Dismissive Excuses** can have Eternal Consequences
 1. No time
 2. Written by man
 3. All religions the same
 4. I tried that...didn't work
 5. I'm spiritual. No you're not
 6. Don't ram down my throat
- **Truth is people...**
 1. ...Just want to **continue sinning**
 2. ...Just want to live for **Kingdom of self**

John 3:18 He who believes in [Jesus] is not condemned; but he who does not believe is **condemned already, because he has not believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And **this is the condemnation**, that the **light has come into the world**, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

- **Light/Revelation has come into the world if you want it**

1. Light of the **Written Word of God**
2. Light of the **Living Word of God**
3. Light of the **Creation of God**.

66/40/1000's/3 Continents
 Jesus Christ God incarnate
 Deny 3 truths to your own peril...

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. 20 For since the creation of the world **His invisible attributes are clearly seen**, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, **so that they are without excuse...**

It's not that your family does not have enough light... Bible on shelf?
 They refuse to embrace it because light brings revelation which demands change

30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.'

**If they see Lazarus come back from the dead they will heed the Word of God
 People don't believe...because people don't want to believe**

- **IOWs** Since unbelief is a sin then **it follows that believing must be a choice**

Hebrews 3:12 Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an **evil heart of unbelief** in departing from the living God; 13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin **...18** And to whom did [God] swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they **could not enter in because of unbelief.**

I think I see the rich man in hades tied to a rock, the vulture of remorse gnawing at his heart; and up there Lazarus in Abraham's bosom. You lift up your eyes and you see who it is. "That is the poor man who lay on my dunghill and the dogs licked his sores; there he is in Paradise, while I am cast down. Lazarus-yes, it is Lazarus; and I who was rich in the world of time am here in hades. Father Abraham, send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water to cool my tongue." But no! it cannot be; it cannot be. If there be one thing in hades worse than another, it will be seeing the saints in Paradise. Oh, to think of seeing my mother in heaven **while I am cast out!** Oh, sinner to see your brother in heaven-he who was rocked in the same cradle and played beneath the same roof **yet you are cast out.** And, husband, there is your wife in Paradise and **you are among the damned.** And father! Your child is before the throne; and you...**accursed of God and accursed of man** are in hades. Oh, the hell of hells will be to see our friends in heaven and ourselves lost. I beg you hearers by the death of Christ...by his agony and bloody sweat....by his cross and passion...by all that is holy...by all that is sacred in heaven and earth...by all that is solemn in time or eternity...by all that is horrible in hell, or glorious in heaven...by that awful thought, "**for-ever**,"...I beg you lay these things to heart, and remember that **if you are damned, it will be unbelief that damns you.** If you are lost, it will be because **you believed not on Christ;** and if you perish, this shall be the most bitter drop of gall...**that you did not trust in the Savior.** [*When you could have* Italic mine] [Spurgeon]

31 But [Abraham] said to [the Rich Man], 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

- **This is what I need God to do before I will believe?**

1. Perform a Miracle
2. Show Himself
3. Answer every my questions
4. Make His people act perfectly all the time

You still think you get to call the shots...And that's a problem

- If someone rises from the dead they will believe!
- Jesus did rise/Pharisees still did not believe

Matthew 27:62 [After Jesus death/burial] ...the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, 63 saying, "Sir, we remember, while He was still alive, **how that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise.'** 64 Therefore command that the tomb be made secure until the third day, lest His disciples come by night and steal Him away, and say to the people, '**He has risen from the dead.**' So the last deception will be worse than the first."

People will go to great lengths of self-deception to continue to live in sin

- **Sumptuous Self-Centered life leads Self-Deception...**

1. This earthly comfort will continue into Eternity
2. There will never be a day of accountability...no second chance after death

Mankind is accountable for the Light God has revealed in His **written Word**, His **Living Word** Jesus Christ, and **His Creation. Light is Revelation.** Revelation demands choosing to accept/reject what is revealed. Accepting revelation is exemplified by acting on the revelation. **Q.** What has been revealed? **A.** Our desperate need of a Savior and complete transformation; i.e. **need to be Born-Again**

- **Complete Transformation**

1. Sinner-Saint
2. Sin Bound-Spirit led.
3. Darkness-Light
4. Death-Life
5. Selfish-Selfless

- **Pharisees have been listening in** ...one made the right choice

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him." 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

- **Nic receive Light/Embraced it/Transformed:** Born Again moment he believed

1. **Transferred Allegiance.** Kingdom of Self to **Kingdom of God**
2. **Changed his Destiny:** From Hell-bound Sceptic to Heaven Bound Worshiper

John 19:39 And Nicodemus, who at **first came to Jesus by night**, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. 40 Then **they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in strips of linen with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury.**

Nicodemus would selflessly carry Jesus dead body to the tomb
Three days later bow before His Risen Lord... The King of the Kingdom of God