

# EVER WONDER WHY?

## A VOICE FROM HELL

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**2 Thessalonians 1:8-9** (NIV)

He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might ...

**Luke 16:19-21** (NIV)

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 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 time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 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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“...‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’”

1. ***The rich man was fully conscious and aware.***
2. ***The rich man’s eternity was irrevocably fixed.***
3. ***The rich man knew that his suffering was just.***
4. ***The rich man begged and pleaded for someone to help his brothers know Jesus.***

**Romans 3:23** (NIV)

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

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But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God’s condemnation.

**2 Peter 3:9** (NIV)

The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

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