

IN HELL

LUKE 16

Text: Luke 16:23

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Introduction:

We have here in this text one of the most alarming sad facts recorded in God's Word. The facts are simple. Men no matter of their status in life, will one day have the appointment come due that they were assigned the day they were conceived. That appointment of death. At that time their eternal destination has been determined and will remain the same throughout eternity.

Those who have trusted Christ as their personal Saviour will spend eternity in Heaven, and those who rejected Christ's' payment for their sin will spend eternity with this rich man we read about in our text, in the torments of Hell.

I'm glad that I'll never have to spend one second in Hell, and anyone who is saved feels the same.

However I find some things in Hell that should be found in every believer and in every Baptist Church.

1. INVENTORY FOR THE SAVED

A. Uplifted Eyes (16:23)

(Luke 16:23) "And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

1. To often we become distracted by things and others, and the reason for such is that we are looking the wrong direction.

a. It is impossible to see the faults of others if you are looking to the Lord.

Illustration:

The words of the song "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus."

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full into His wonderful face;

And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace

2. We need to keep our eyes on the Lord

B. Tears (broken heart) (16:24)

(Luke 16:24) "And 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."

1. We need to keep a tender heart.

2. It is okay to shed a tear over a lost soul.

(Psalms 126:6) "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

C. Prayers (16:27)

(Luke 16:27) "Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:"

1. Prayer to often is our last resort, but should be the first thing that you and I do.

(1 Thessalonians 5:17) "Pray without ceasing."

D. Desire for people to repent and be saved.
(16:27-28)

(Luke 16:27-28) "Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: {28} For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment."

1. Sad but I'm afraid true, is more concerned found for the lost, from the lost who are tormented day and night in the flames of Hell.

2. May God burden, and break our hearts at the thought of just one more soul finding its place in eternity in the fire that shall burn forever.

Illustration:

Radio preacher always closed his prayer in asking God to save that soul that is closet to Hell.

E. Desire to send a messenger (16:27-28)

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unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment."

1. That is why we send missionaries to foreign fields.
2. That is why we plant churches.

(Romans 10:14) "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"

2. INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SINNER

A. Hell is a literal place, with literal torments.

1. Torments consisting of:
 - a. Crying
 - b. Wailing
 - c. Thirst
 - d. Darkness
 - e. Gnashing or grinding of teeth
 - f. Unquenchable fire

g. Indestructible worms

h. Wicked and vile people

Poem

*Hell the prison house of despair,
Here are some things that won't be there;
No flowers will bloom on the banks of Hell,
No beauties of nature we love so well;
No comforts of home, music and song,
No friendship of joy will be found in the throng;
No children to brighten the long weary night;
No love nor peace, nor one ray of light;
No blood-washed soul with face beaming bright,
No loving smile in that region of night;
No mercy, no pity, pardon nor grace,
No water, O God, what a terrible place!
The pangs of the lost no human can tell,
Not one moments ease - there is no rest in Hell!
Hell the prison house of despair,
Here are some things that will be there:
Fire and brimstone are there we know,
For God in His Word hath told us so;
Memory, remorse, suffering and pain,
Weeping and wailing, but all in vain;
Blasphemers, swearers, haters of God,
Christ rejecters while here on earth trod;
Murders, gamblers, drunkards and liars
Will have their part in the lake of fire;*

*The filthy, the vile, the cruel and mean,
What a horrible mob in Hell will there be!
Yes, more than humans on earth can tell,
Are torments and woes of eternal Hell!*

B. People who die lost will spend eternity there.

(Matthew 7:22-23) "Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? {23} And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

(Revelation 20:12-15) "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. {13} And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. {14} And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. {15} And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

C. Eternal preparation is made while living.

1. When you draw your last breath it is then too late, your destiny is determined.

(Ecclesiastes 11:3) "If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be."

D. God's desires all to be saved

(2 Peter 3:9) "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

E. Today is the day of salvation

(2 Corinthians 6:2) "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)"

3. IMPORTANCE OF SETTLEMENT (16:31)

(Luke 16:31) "And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead."

A. Trust Christ today and settle your destiny in eternity Oh Sinner.

Five Minutes After I Die

*Loved ones will weep o'er my silent face,
Dear ones will clasp me in sad embrace,
Shadows and darkness will fill the place,
Five minutes after I die.*

*Faces that sorrow I will not see,
Voices that murmur will not reach me,
But where, oh where will my spirit be
Five minutes after I die?*

*Naught to repair the good I lack,
Fixed to the goal of my chosen track,
No room to repent, no turning back,
Five minutes after I die.*

*Now I can stifle convictions stirred,
Now I can silence the Voice oft heard,
Then fulfillment of God's sure Word,
Five minutes after I die.*

*Mated for aye with my chosen throng,
Long is eternity, O so long,
Then woe is me if my soul be wrong,
Five minutes after I die*

*Oh what a fool - hard the word, but true
Passing the Saviour with death in view, Doing a deed I
can ne'er undo
Five minutes after I die*

*If I am flinging a fortune away,
If I am wasting salvation's day,
"Just is my sentence," my soul shall say
Five minutes after I die*

*God help you to choose! your eternal state
Depends on your choice, you dare not wait;
You must choose now; it will be too late
Five minutes after you die.*

B. For the saved let us take inventory of our lives, and may those in Hell not have more desire for the lost than we.