

IN TORMENTS

LUKE 16

Text: Luke 16:23

Introduction:

One of the most solemn doctrines in the Bible is eternal punishment. Sadly, much has been written about it and little preaching is given despite its prominence in the Bible.

The truth is that Jesus spoke more of Hell than of Heaven.

The passage that we read is the plainest statements on the place. It's also the only passage that describes the feelings of the lost after death.

1. THE PLACE

- A. Literal place
- B. Large place
- C. Loud place ... Weeping and gnashing of teeth.

D. Lonesome place

2. THE PORTRAIT (LUKE 16:19-31)

A. Consider the rich man's dying moment (vs 22)

1. Wealth doesn't secure one from death.
2. Death is the common end to all classes of mankind
3. Most live their life as if they are going to live forever.

B. Consider the described misery (vss 23-25)

1. Hell is a place of punishment
2. Hell is a place of pain

C. Consider the desired mercy (vs 24)

1. A drop of water

D. Consider the disturbing memory (vs 25)

E. Consider his deadly mistake (vs 30)

1. He disbelieved

2. He disregarded

3. He despised

4. He disobeyed

F. Consider the divine message (vss 27-31)

1. God has given all the warning needed.

3. THE POPULATION

A. Many will be in Hell

Matthew 7:13-14

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: [14] Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

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.

B. Those that make up Hell

1 Cor. 6:9-12

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, [10] Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. [11] And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

[12] All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, [20] Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, [21] Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Rev. 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their

part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone:
which is the second death.

Close:

God has given us His Son, the Scriptures and His Spirit,
and the Saints to bring us to Christ.