

THIS PLACE OF TORMENTS

LUKE 16

Text: Luke 16:28

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Introduction:

*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!*

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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!*

The fact that there is a place of eternal torment where damned souls cry in vain for water amid the flames they cannot escape forever is the most terrible and alarming fact in this universe. The fact that such a doom awaits the sinner is so alarming that nothing else can compare with its importance. How can today's feasting or hunger, clothing or nakedness, honor or infamy, pleasure or pain compare in importance with a million years of pain, torment of body, mind and conscience. And the million years is just the speck in eternity. I beg every sinner today to consider how worthwhile it is to know what God says about Hell.

And, fellow Christians, if one loved one of yours is in danger of the fire of Hell, how alarmed and anxious you ought to be. How earnest ought to be your entreaties, how fervent your prayers, how sleepless your efforts to see them saved from the Doom Of Lost Souls. Yes if

people are going to such a Hell that is so terrible, and if they die lost they are, bonds of kinship and family ought not be limit of our prayers and efforts. If there is one on this earth, even a total stranger, or an unknown savage, who may go to Hell, then everyone who has any love for his fellowman, any care for his neighbor, ought to have a consuming passion to rescue that poor soul.

(Read the words to) "Win the lost at any cost"

Notice with me

1. CERTAIN MAN (VSS 19)

(Luke 16:19) "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:"

A. Hell is no respecter of person

1. Young or old
2. Man or woman
3. Godly parents or ungodly parents
4. Famous or unknown

B. Hell is no respecter of possessions

1. Rich or poor

This certain man did not go to Hell because of his riches, but because he rejected Christ! All one must do in order to go to Hell is absolutely nothing.

2. CRY (VSS 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."

A. Constant Cry (Everlasting)

(Matthew 18:8) "Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire."

(Matthew 25:41) "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:"

(Matthew 25:46) "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."

(2 Thessalonians 1:9) "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"

1. Weeping

(Matthew 8:12) "But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

(Matthew 22:13) "Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

(Matthew 24:51) "And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

(Matthew 25:30) "And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

2. Wailing

(Matthew 13:42) "And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

(Matthew 13:50) "And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

(Luke 13:28) "There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out."

3. Gnashing of teeth

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B. Clear Cry (vss 24)

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1. Tormented

C. Catastrophic Cry (vss 25-26)

(Luke 16:25-26) "But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. {26} And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

a. Sorry your request is not possible.

3. CONCERN (VSS 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."

A. What was it that concerned him?

1. The reality and finality of the place called Hell.
2. That all the arguments he had ever heard against Hell were utterly false and empty.
3. That if a man shuts God out of his heart in this life, God will shut that man out of his heavenly home in eternity.
4. He saw the folly of a man's taking care of his body and doing nothing for his never dying soul.
5. He saw the urgent necessity of something desperate being done by believers on earth to reach the lost with the gospel.

6. He saw that the main business of believing men was to spend and be spent in warning the lost of their peril. Soul winning was the burning message on the lips of this man in Hell.

B. Sad but true, there are those in Hell more concerned about warning the lost than some who claim to be saved!

4. CONSISTENCY (VSS 30)

(Luke 16:30) "And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent."

A. Didn't quit asking & praying and calling

B. Too many today have quit.

5. CERTAINTY (VSS 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. One must be saved while he is alive on earth.

B. One must respond, repent, and receive Jesus Christ if they are to go to Heaven.

C. If one rejects continually the preaching and conviction of the Holy Spirit, they would not be persuaded even if someone came back from the dead with a message.

Close:

*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.*