

Prayer Requests & Notes:

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RICH MAN, POOR MAN
LUKE 16:19-31



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Foundational Thoughts

1. It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this, the judgment. Hebrews 9:27
2. This life is temporal, but the next life is eternal.
3. We are reminded in this account that it's what on the inside that matters the most when it comes to eternity.

2 Facts about the rich man Verse 19

1. He looked rich on the outside but was poor on the inside.
2. He was rich on earth but became a beggar in hell.

2 Facts about the beggar Lazarus (Verse 20 & 21)

1. He looked poor on the outside, but was rich on the inside.
2. He was poor on earth, but became rich in heaven.

Three things the rich man begged for in hell

1. **He begs for Mercy** (Verse 24)

While grace is getting what we don't deserve, the meaning of mercy is not getting what we do deserve.

While mercy endures forever for the redeemed, it is only available temporarily to the lost. There is no mercy in hell.

2. **He begs for fellowship with the Father** (Verses 24 & 26)

Sin has always separated man from God and there must be a payment for sin.

You can place your trust in the finished work of Christ and let Him pay for your sin, or you will pay for your sin.

The greatest sufferings of hell will be eternal separation from God. There is no fellowship in hell.

3. **He begs for a witness** (Verses 27&28)

The rich man now had a burden for his family to know God.

He mentions that hell is a real place, not a condition of life or state of mind. (Verse 28) There is no witness in hell.

Group Discussion

Use the following questions to help review the application of God's Word to our Head (What does God want me to know?), to our Heart (What does God want me to desire?), and to our Hands (What does God want me to do?).

1. What struck you in particular about the message?
2. Why do you think the "rich man" seem to never notice Lazarus?
3. How can "money" make us less sensitive to the needs of others?
4. How does Luke 16: 13 relate to this parable?
5. What would you write as the "bottom line" statement of this parable?
6. In what areas other than "money" might this parable apply?
7. Why do you think Jesus actually gives us the name of the beggar?
8. What, if any changes, do you see in the "rich man's" attitude while he is in Hades? How would you explain that?
9. Have you ever thought "people would believe if they could see someone raised from the dead?" This parable says "not true." Why?