

What A Certain Rich Man Saw From Hell

Luke 16:19-31 (22)

Introduction:

- A. The Rich man was conscious after death.
 - 1. He could see, talk, feel and hear — a fact that the materialists refuse to see.
 - 2. He could see Abraham and Lazarus afar off — but he saw far more.
- B. The Rich man saw some facts that he had overlooked before.

Discussion:

- I. He Saw the Horror of Being Lost (vv. 23-24, 28).**
 - A. He was now reaping what he had sown (v. 25; Gal. 6:7,8).
 - B. He was getting the just wages for sin (Rom. 6:23).
- II. He Saw His Real Condition (vv. 24-26).**
 - A. He was the real poor beggar - not Lazarus.
 - 1. Now begging water from Lazarus's finger.
 - 2. Real wealth is not in material things (Rev. 3:17).
 - 3. Real wealth cannot be stored on earth (Mt. 6:19-21).
 - B. He was helpless and hopeless (vv. 24-27).
- III. He Saw the Lost (v. 28).**
 - A. He had seen brothers before, but not as lost souls.
 - B. Jesus saw people as lost people and taught his disciples to do this (Lk. 19:10; Mk. 16:15,16).
 - C. The early church saw the lost (Acts 8:4; Col. 1:23).
 - D. We must see our friends and neighbors as lost without the gospel (cf. 2 Thess. 1:7-9).
 - 1. May be reason church is not growing.
 - 2. May be reason we spend more time on less important things.
- IV. He Saw the Value of the Written Word of God (vv. 29-31).**
 - A. Moses and the prophets (O.T. Scriptures) were sufficient then — additional miracle superfluous.
 - B. Apostles and prophets (N. T. Scriptures) are sufficient now — additional “proof” superfluous.
 - C. Written word might have helped the brothers if Rich man had taught them while living.
 - 1. Now it was too late.
 - 2. What would he have given for just one Bible study with them now?

Conclusion:

- A. We need to see these things now — while we can do something about them.
- B. We must decide now which side of the “great gulf” we will spend eternity.