

LUKE CHAPTER 16

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE WAS WRITTEN BETWEEN 55-60 YEARS AFTER CHRIST'S ASCENSION. MORE THAN ANY OTHER WRITER, LUKE MENTIONS JESUS' LOVE FOR OUTCASTS, SAMARITANS, AND WOMEN AND CHILDREN, PROBABLY BECAUSE HE WAS A HEATHEN GENTILE CHRISTIAN AND HE HAD MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF COMPASSION FOR THE LOST. LUKE WAS NOT AN APOSTLE, BUT FOLLOWED THE APOSTLE PAUL AROUND FOR YEARS INTERVIEWING EYEWITNESSES. HE WAS A PHYSICIAN BY TRADE SO YOU KNOW HE WAS SMART.

WE PICK UP OUR STORY IN CHAPTER 16, JESUS IS IN A "BACK AND FORTH" EXCHANGE ABOUT GOD AND TO WHOM SALVATION BELONGS WITH THE PHARISEES. TAX COLLECTORS AND SINNERS WERE GATHERING AROUND AS THEY TALKED. JESUS IMMEDIATELY BEGINS TO TEACH THE DISCIPLES ABOUT FAITHFULNESS, ETERNITY, AND STEWARDSHIP. IN CHAPTER 16, JESUS GIVES US INVESTMENT ADVICE WHILE EXPOSING MAN'S HEART WHEN IT COMES TO HIS MONEY & THE STUFF THAT IT BUYS IT, WITH PARABLES. A PARABLE IS A SIMPLE STORY USED TO ILLUSTRATE A MORAL LESSON.

Luke 16:1-9 ESV

16 He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ² And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'³ And

the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵ So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷ Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

1. MASTER WHO POSSESSES
2. MANAGER WHO WAS WASTEFUL
3. HIS MASTER'S DEBTORS

IT WAS AGAINST JEWISH LAW TO CHARGE INTEREST SO THEY WOULD HIDE IT IN THE PRICE. THE MANAGER SOLD IT FOR WHAT IT REALLY COSTS TO PAY HIS MASTER

JESUS IS TELLING US TO BE SHREWD WITH OUR NATURAL RESOURCES TO ACQUIRE ETERNAL PAYMENT

HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM HIS STEWARDSHIP, SOMEDAY SO WILL WE. DISCHARGE IS DEATH AND WE DESERVE IT BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN WASTEFUL. WE WILL ALL GIVE AN ACCOUNT JUST LIKE THE MANAGER

APPLICATION: DISCIPLES, THOUGH YOU HAVE LITTLE IN THIS WORLD, USE IT FOR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF OTHERS

Luke 16:10-13 ESV

¹⁰ “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

WE ARE BEING WARNED BY OUR KING BECAUSE HE IS A GOOD AND TRUTHFUL KING. INVEST WISELY WITH WHAT GOD BLESSES YOU WITH. TAKE CARE OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, BUT TAKE CARE OF YOUR NEIGHBOR WHO IS LACKING AS WELL.

RIGHTEOUS WEALTH IS SPIRITUAL WEALTH, GOD'S VERY PRESENCE....EVERYTHING WORLDLY IS UNRIGHTEOUS
NO ONE CAN SERVE BOTH

DON'T EVER LET MONEY TAKE YOUR FOCUS OFF GOD

CANNOT/OU DYNAMAI/ NO, NOT AT ALL, IN NO WAY,
ABSOLUTELY NOT SERVE BOTH GOD & MONEY

DO NOT BE DECIEVED, GOD KNOWS YOUR HEART

Luke 16:14-15 ESV

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

THE PRIDEFUL WILL DENY JESUS BECAUSE THEY DON'T
UNDERSTAND JESUS...THEY CAN'T, THEY LOVE THEMSELVES
AND THEIR STUFF

Proverbs 14:21 ESV

²¹Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner,
but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

Proverbs 19:17 ESV

¹⁷Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 21:13 ESV

¹³ Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor
will himself call out and not be answered.

Proverbs 28:27 ESV

²⁷ Whoever gives to the poor will not want,
but he who hides his eyes will get many a curse.

MAN CAN JUSTIFY HIMSELF BEFORE OTHER MEN BUT NEVER
BEFORE GOD..RELIGIOUS FRONTS ARE WORTHLESS
FEEL THE PAIN AND THE SHAME, REPENT, RECEIVE
FORGIVENESS, HEAL

Martin Luther wrote this: Therefore we must use all these things upon Earth in no other way than as a guest who travels through the land and comes to a hotel where he must lodge overnight. He takes only food and lodging from the host, and he says not that the property of the host belongs to him. Just so should we also treat our temporal possessions, as if they were not ours, and enjoy only so much of them as will nourish the body and then help our neighbors with the balance. Thus, the life of the Christian is only a lodging for the night, since we have no continuing city, but must journey on to heaven, where the Father is.

Luke 16:19-31 ESV

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

JESUS NEVER MENTIONS PEOPLE'S NAMES IN HIS PARABLES SO THIS MAY BE HISTORY, PROBABLY A PARABLE, EITHER WAY, LET'S CAREFULLY OBSERVE THE CRIME AND ITS PUNISHMENT

RICH MAN

1. HE WAS RICH
2. HE WAS FINELY CLOTHED
3. HE ATE WELL
4. WAS BURIED

LAZARUS

1. HE WAS POOR
2. COVERED IN SORES
3. SATISFIED EATING SCRAPS FROM THE RICH MAN'S TABLE
4. HE SUFFERED/ TOSSED IN THE VALLEY OF HILLEL

GOD IS SOVERIEGN OVER BOTH MEN AND BOTH LIVES

THE RICH MAN IS GUILTY OF NEGLECT, OF GOD AND OTHERS. GOD BLESSED AND HE DID NOT SHARE, THEREFORE EVERYTHING HE HAD WAS HIS REWARD THE POOR MAN, KNEW GOD SO HE WAS GRATEFUL, HE KNEW THOUGH HE SUFFER NOW, THE PROMISE WAS COMING

Luke 16:23-25 ESV

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IT WAS TOO LATE FOR "I'M SORRY I WAS SO BUSY"
HE STEPPED OVER LAZARUS EVERYDAY, THE RICH MAN DID
NOTHING TO BETTER OR HELP HIS NEIGHBOR

ABRAHAM CALLED HIM CHILD
WE ARE TO HOLD MONEY AND STUFF VERY LIGHTLY
WE ARE TO DESIRE TO KNOW GOD OVER ANYTHING

GOD IS CHARITABLE IN THE PUREST FROM
HE OWNS EVERYTHING AND HE HAS APPORTIONED TO EACH
ONE OF US, SOME OF HIS GOODS. WE ARE TO BE GOOD
STEWARDS OVER THESE THINGS. THOUGH WE MAY SUFFER,
GOD IS GOOD AND IT IS TEMPORARY

NEVER IS OUR MIND SUPPOSED TO FOCUS ON THE BLESSING BUT ON THE ONE WHO BLESSES

WE ARE TO BE ENDLESS IN OUR THINKING. HOW DO I TAKE THE THINGS GOD BLESSES ME WITH IN THE NATURAL AND INVEST IT ETERNALLY? THIS IS OUR JOURNEY

Luke 16:27-31 ESV

²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

PLEASE WARN THE PEOPLE I LOVE THAT THIS PLACE IS REAL!

JESUS SAYS, "IF THEY CAN'T HEAR GOD SPEAK CLEARLY OF SALVATION THROUGH THE SCRIPTURES BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS, THEN THEY WILL DENY THE RESURRECTION WHEN THE SACRIFICE IS ACCEPTED AND THE POWER OF AN ENDLESS LIFE IS PRESENTED BEFORE THEM"

HELL IS THE ABSENCE OF GOD, THERE WILL BE NO RESTRAINT ON SATAN, DEMONS, AND EVIL BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NO GOOD, NO LIGHT, NO PEACE, NO PRESENCE OF HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

GOD IS WARNING HIS PEOPLE IN LOVE, PAY ATTENTION LIFE GOES FAST AND WE WILL ACCOUNT FOR ALL OF IT

St. Ambrose said, "The bosoms of the poor, the houses of the widows, and the mouths of children are barns which last forever"