

## LESSON 16: The Rich Man And Lazarus

Luke 16:19-31

October 20, 2021

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

A certain rich man.

Luke 16:19

- ☐ Clothed in purple and fine linen.
- ☐ Fared sumptuously every day.

A certain beggar

named Lazarus.

Luke 16:20-21

- ☐ Full of sores.
- ☐ Laid at the rich man's gate.
- ☐ Desired crumbs.
- ☐ Dogs licked his sores.

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

All must die. Luke 16:22; Ecclesiastes 9:5

James 4:14, *"What is your life? for ye are as a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."*

Psalms 90:10, *"The days of our years are three score and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years: yet is their pride but labor and sorrows, for it is soon gone, and we fly away ... Teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom."*

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

Eternal Punishment Is Real. Luke 16:23

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

Psalms 53:1, *"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."*

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Too Late To Pray. Luke 16:24-25

- ☐ Called on Abraham for help.
- ☐ God does not hear sinners. John 9:31; Proverbs 28:9

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No Second Chance. Luke 16:26

- ☐ Appointed once to die, then judgment. Hebrews 9:27
- ☐ All will stand before judgment. 2 Corinthians 5:10

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Word of God is true. Luke 16:29

- ▣ God's law is the standard of Judgment. John 12:48
- ▣ God's law is able to save. James 1:21
- ▣ God's law is perfect. James 1:25
- ▣ Christ's words are the ONLY words of salvation. John 6:66-68

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Cannot warn others. Luke 16:27-31

- ▣ Go preach. Mark 16:15
- ▣ Preach the gospel. Romans 1:16; cf. Acts 17:1-3
- ▣ THE ONE HOPE FOR ERRING AND SINFUL MEN – that they may be persuaded. cf. Acts 26:28-29; 2 Corinthians 5:11

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- ▣ Miracles would have no effect on men's hearts if they reject the gospel.

- ▣ Note: Psalms 78:12-17; Isaiah 63:9-10; Matthew 12:39-40
- ▣ Jesus died for the nation. John 11:49-51, *"But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, nor do ye take account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. Now this he said not of himself; but, being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation"*
- ▣ Jesus came back from the dead. Matthew 28:11-15

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Worldly possessions no good after death. Luke 16:25

- ▣ Possessions left behind for the living. Luke 16:19-21; cf. Luke 12:13ff
- ▣ No profit to riches without God. Matthew 16:26
- ▣ One may be poor, yet rich in faith. James 2:5

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Sin has consequences. Luke 16:23-25, 28

1. *"being in torments"* - 23a
2. *"I am in anguish in this flame"* - 24c
3. *"and thou art in anguish"* - 25c
4. *"lest they also come into this place of torment"* - 28b

- ▣ We reap what we sow. Galatians 6:7-8
- ▣ God is not a respecter of persons. Romans 2:11

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## The Rich Man And Lazarus

1. All must die.
2. Eternal punishment is real.
3. Too late to pray.
4. No second chance.
5. Word of God is true.
6. Cannot warn others.
7. Possessions no good after death.
8. Sin has consequences.

**Now is the time to prepare!**  
**2 Corinthians 6:2**

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## LESSON 16: Concerning Offenses, Faith, and Service

### Luke 17:1-10

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## Concerning Offenses

### Luke 17:1-4

Luke 17:1, "And he said unto his disciples, It is impossible but that occasions of stumbling should come; but woe unto him, through whom they come!" cf. Matthew 18:5-7

- *skandalon* (skan'-dal-on) ("scandal"); probably from a derivative of NT:2578; a trap-stick (bent sapling), i.e. snare (figuratively, cause of displeasure or sin): (Strong)

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- **The World Is Filled With Occasions of Stumbling.**
- An immature Christian must be aware that occasions of stumbling come in many forms: False doctrines, Loose morals, Older Christians who are weak or indifferent, Peer pressure from people of the world.

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## Concerning Offenses

### Luke 17:1-4

#### • **Responsibility for Sin**

- The fact that one can become an occasion for another person falling into sin does not excuse that person from the guilt of his sin.
- Should I become an occasion for another person stumbling, he still would be accountable for his sin.
- However, I would be held accountable for my sin – my sin of causing him to stumble.

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## Concerning Offenses

### Luke 17:1-4

Matthew 18:8-9

Luke 17:2, "It were well for him if a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, rather than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble."

- A church is privileged to have newborn Christians. They are babes in Christ (1 Peter 2:2) who are weak and need to grow spiritually (Ephesians 4:14). Watching them grow is encouraging to other Christians (1 Timothy 4:12).

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## Concerning Offenses

### Luke 17:1-4

#### **Things Which Cause People to Stumble:**

1. **Evil companions.** The wicked are not content to be involved in sin; they must pull someone down with them. (Proverbs 4:16; cf. 1:10ff)
2. **Indifferent church members.** (Revelation 3:14-15)
3. **Church squabbles.** (Galatians 5:15)
4. **False doctrine.** (Ephesians 4:15; 2 Timothy 2:16ff; Titus 3:10ff; Romans 16:17-18)
5. **Hypocrites in the church.** (Matthew 6:23)
6. **Weak Christians.** (Galatians 2:11-14)

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## Concerning Offenses

Luke 17:1-4

Luke 17:3-4, *"Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother sin, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he sin against thee seven times in the day, and seven times turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him."*

- ***"If thy brother sin ..."***
- ***"Rebuke him ..."***
- ***"If he repent ..."***
- ***"forgive him ..."***

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## ***"If thy brother sin ..."***

### **Sin is a terrible burden for any to carry.**

- The magnitude of sin is seen in the result of sin.  
Ezekiel 18:20; Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23
- Man cannot pay the debt of sin.  
cf. Matthew 16:26
- We need the blood of Christ.  
Romans 3:23-26; Ephesians 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19.
  - Man's need is constant. 1 John 1:8-9

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