

Five Minutes After We Die

Luke 16:19-31

📖 Hebrews 2:14–15 (NIV84) “Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.”

The contrast in their LIVES.

📖 Luke 16:19–21 (NIV84) “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.”

📖 Proverbs 19:17 (NIV84) “He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done.”

The contrast in their DEATHS.

📖 Luke 16:22 (NIV84) “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.”

📖 Hebrews 9:27 (NKJV) “...it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.”

The contrast in their ETERNITIES.

📖 Luke 16:22a (NIV84) “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side...”

📖 Luke 16:23-31 (NIV84) “In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ ²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ ²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father,

send Lazarus to my father’s house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ ³⁰ “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

1. Hell is a place of physical agony. (vss., 23-24)

2. Hell is a place of emotional misery. (vs., 25)

📖 Romans 10:9 (NIV84) “...if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

3. Hell is a place of eternal separation. (vs., 26)

📖 Luke 16:26 (NIV84) “... between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.”

📖 1 Timothy 2:5 (LB) “...God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, Himself man, is between them to bring them together”

4. Hell is a place of continual worry. (vs., 27-29)

📖 Mark 8:36 (NIV84) “What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?”

Digging Deeper: What is God saying to you? Where will your spirit be five minutes after you die? If you are unsure, you don’t have to gamble with your eternity; come to Jesus today and be saved. Will you pray for your loved ones and share the Gospel with them before it is too late? Life is not about money; it’s all about JESUS. Mark 8:36 (NIV84) “What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?”