

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

## LUKE CHAPTER 16:15-31

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### WHAT DOES YOUR GOD VALUE?

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

## Part 2

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Eternity, Priorities, Works, Money, Marriage**

Introduction to the Text; **Luke 16:15-31**

**The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage**

**Jesus had hit the Religious Establishment  
right between their **Eyes**, their **Wallets** and their **Hearts**...**  
On the value of money and what's really important to them and what was in their  
wallets because **the wallet & the heart** cannot be separated!

Each and Every One of Us Struggle with

What We Value *in* and *of* This World.

### **1John 2:15-17**

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **:16** For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **:17** for the world is passing away...

### **Matthew 6:19-21**

**"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. :20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. :21**  
**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

**Jesus Has His Sights "Locked On" to the Target;**

and the **target** is **the human heart** and what it values.

## WHAT DOES YOUR GOD VALUE?

1.) Is it the **offer** of salvation? v.15-17

### IS IT THE OFFER OF SALVATION?

1a.) The Lord offers the **assurance** of salvation?

#### Verse 15

And He said to them, “**You** are those who **justify** yourselves before men, but **God knows** your hearts. For what is highly **esteemed** among men is an **abomination** in the sight of God.

### IS IT THE OFFER OF SALVATION?

1b.) The Lord offers the **opportunity** of salvation?

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“The **law** and the **prophets** were until **John**. Since that time (*from Moses to John*) the kingdom of God has been **preached**, and everyone is **pressing** into it.

“**pressing**” βιάζω *biazo*, *bee-ad´-zo*

To force your way into, to lean or to exert yourself into the line.

To “violently” press yourself to get inside. To crowd in! – “**the kingdom of God**”

People Should Be “Pressing In” Here – Right Now

“Those familiar thoughts of life and death, the grave, and of heaven and hell, of life and eternity. These are constant visitors to the door of every man’s soul.”

-jdh

Mark 12:37b

...And the common people heard Him gladly.

**Luke 24:32**

And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

**Acts 16:30-31**

And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" :31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

But Perhaps One of the Greatest Pictures  
of Someone Desiring to "Get Inside" the Kingdom of God is...

**Is Found in Mark 2:1-5**

**Mark 2:1-5**

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. :2 So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. :3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. :4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. :5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic,  
"Son, your sins are forgiven."

The Message of the Gospel, of Jesus Christ,  
The Word of God - The Bible - Should be "Pressed Into" by all Who Hear.

Rather - **Liberal Seminaries** have Produces **Spiritless Preachers**  
who go out and make **Dead Churches** that have **No Gospel**.

**IS IT THE OFFER OF SALVATION?**

**1c.) The Lord offers the **guarantee** of salvation?**

**Verse 17**

And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away  
(that's not easy) **than for one title of the law to fail.**

**Matthew 5:17-18**

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. :18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one title will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.

# Jesus Christ is “The Guarantee” of Our Salvation!

Please Understand This;  
“I am fully confident of my salvation in Christ.

## Phil. 3:9

*And this is my confidence, to be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;*

## WHAT DOES YOUR GOD VALUE?

2.) Is it the **sanctity** of a covenant? v.18

## IS IT THE SANCTITY OF A COVENANT?

2a.) Because God **relates** to us by a covenant

### Verse 18

“Whoever **divorces** his wife and (he) marries another (wife) commits **adultery**;

## IS IT THE SANCTITY OF A COVENANT ?

2b.) Because God **invented** marriage for life

### Verse 18

And whoever marries her who is divorced from her husband commits adultery.

**Divorce** and **Abortion** are Much Alike to God.  
Both are creations that are destroyed by man.

1. The “male-female” marriage is a **sacred model** in the image of God.
2. The “male-female” marriage is a **spiritual institution** ordained by God
3. The “male-female” marriage is where **sex is blessed** by God.
4. The “male-female” marriage is where **babies come from**.
5. The “male-female” marriage is **procreative** by God to **build a family**.
6. The “male-female” marriage is where **culture & nations come from**.

*"The sanctity of home-life is one of the basic principals to National strength, and when a nation sacrifices this virtue upon the alter of lust, it commits National suicide." - Dr. Ivor Powell c.1965*

## WHAT DOES YOUR GOD VALUE?

3.) Is it the **reality** of eternity?

v.19-31

Believed by Some to be a Parable

(I Don't Think So – Jesus would have them "Smell the Coffee")

There are some "Romantics" Surrounding this Story.  
*Was there a Pharisee or Rich man or Brother Connected to the Story?*

## IS IT THE REALITY OF ETERNITY?

3a.) Eternity in light of **what I am**

Verse 19-21

Luke 16:19-21

"There was a **certain rich** man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared *sumptuously* every day. :20 But there was a **certain beggar** named Lazarus, full of sores, who was **laid** at his gate, :21 **desiring** to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs (not the cats) came and licked his sores. (Infected oozing sores)

"Rich Men Don't Go to Hell Because Their Rich.  
They Go to Hell because they're gods!"

**Ecclesiastics 2:16c**

How does a wise *man* die? The same as the fool!

"Poor Men Don't Go to Heaven Because They're Poor.  
They Go to Heaven Because They Trust in Christ!"

**Laid**

Dropped off, abandoned, left for dead.

*This Rich man is a Picture of Mankind*

**Deceived by Riches**

*This Poor man, a Picture of Mankind*  
**Ravaged by Sin**

If you're **not Under** the Protection of Jesus Today;  
Then you're in the current of being deceived by riches or you're being ravaged by the results of  
sin...

**Matthew 19:23-24**

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. :24 And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

**IS IT THE REALITY OF ETERNITY?**  
**Eternity in light of what I am**

**Verse 22-23**

So it was that the beggar died, and was "carried" (with great care & tenderness) by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.

Dr. H.A. Ironside Comments;

"Thanks be to God, at last, the poor beggar died."

**Is Jesus Digging Into Their Memory's  
of (2) Two Men they Had once Known?**

**"To Abraham's Bosom"**

**What is Abraham's Bosom?**

Before the Coming of the Messiah, the Bible Taught That;  
Every believer, when they had died was taken to what that was called Paradise. It was not the Heaven that you and are going to but the dwelling or place that pre-cross believers went. - Abraham's Bosom or the Place of Comfort and Rest.

**Until Jesus Christ Had Been Resurrected, that's Where a Believer Went from Adam to the Thief on the Cross...**

**Luke 23:43**

And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise." - Abraham's Bosom

**It was a place of rest – not sleep, of comfort, but temporary**

**Psalms 116:15**

Precious in the sight of the LORD *Is* the death of His saints.

**Verse 23**

(The rich man) ...And being in **torment(s)** in hell, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham **afar off**, and Lazarus in his bosom.

You Need To Think “Eternity” Here...

- *Jesus Christ*

There is “**The Great Separation**”

between those lost vs. those found. The Lost & Found in Eternity

**Hebrews 9:27-28**

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, **:28** so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

**The Rich Man Had Everything Possible on Earth  
but failed to Invest in “Faith” for Eternity.**

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**The Poor Man On The Other hand had nothing of This Earth  
but Did Invest in “Faith” for Eternity.**

The **Bible** Says, Hell is a Reality!  
The **Prophets** Said, Hell is a Reality!  
**Jesus Christ** Said, Hell is a Reality!

**Jesus Christ Mentioned Hell  
More than Any Other Biblical Character.**

**But Wait - - Don't worry - - It's O.K. because...**

**Newsweek Magazine Said;**

“Hell is too Trite of a Subject for the Serious Thinker”

**Dr. Gorden Kaufmann of Harvard's School of Divinity Said;**

“American thinking has gone through a transformation; we can no longer take seriously the topics of heaven and hell.”

***Listener, Listen***

Apparently, to reject Christ's Sacrifice (the death of God on the cross) is So Great a Sin that it justifies the Punishment of Hell – forever!

**IS IT THE REALITY OF ETERNITY?**

## 3b.) Eternity in light of reality

### Verse 24-26

#### Luke 16:24-26

“Then he (the formerly rich man) cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am **tormented in this flame.**’ :25 But Abraham said, “**Son, remember that in your lifetime** you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. :26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a **great gulf fixed**, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’

### Notice the “Attentiveness” of Those in Hell to Details

#### Daniel 12:2-3

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake,  
Some to **everlasting** life, Some to shame *and* **everlasting** contempt. :3 Those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament, And those who turn many to righteousness Like the stars forever and ever.

#### John 5:28-29

Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice :29 and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

### It’s Not Easy to Get to Hell.

“You’ve Got to Step Over The Body of Jesus Christ  
To Get There.”

I just want you to know something. Your sins were canceled at the cross. But the one and only sin that will suck you down into the darkness of hell is refusing Jesus Christ.

#### Matthew 23:37

“...How often I have wanted to gather you together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her wings*, but you were not willing!

Dwight L. Moody

*the great American evangelist a century ago stated;*

*“Hell is not a place for the sick to recover, It’s a place where the condemned suffer,  
It’s that place for **those who would not!**”*



Listen, We're Not Jihadist - We Wont Kill You for Rejecting, Cursing, Mocking or Drawing Cartoons About Jesus - **You're The Greatest Danger to You!**

### **"To Those Who Would Not..."**

**John 3:17-20**

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. **:18** "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. **:19** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. **:20** For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed.

The Lord is **Reaching**, He's **Stretching** Out to You!

**Ephesians 5:14**

Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

### **A Terrifying Reality about Hell is this;**

Those who are there are very **awake**, **alert**, **aware** that they missed heaven forever!

**Verse 24**

Send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

## **You're Not Thinking Eternally**

*- Jesus Christ*

**Verse 26a**

**But Abraham said... there's a great gulf fixed**

The Bible speaks about what is called  
The Second Death

**Revelation 2:11**

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes **shall not be hurt by the second death.**"

The first death, we all get to go thru that one –  
but the second death, All who trust Christ wont see that one – that's the big  
hurt

The first death is your departure from **this world** into eternity.  
the second death is your departure **from God**.

The Second Death is (1) Eternal Separation from God and  
(2) the Benefits of God.

**None of You (us) Have Any Capacity to Know What That's Like.**

## **It's Called Hell**

It's where God is not

In absolute **isolation**, alone

In suffocating **darkness**

In unbearable **heat**

There's a consuming, **worm-like** things on you

There's a sense of forever **falling**

There's **excruciating** painful

There's the sensation of **burning**

There's **emotional** torments

There's **knowledge of the past**

There's knowledge that **others are in heaven**

### **Revelation 14:10-11**

the same shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. :11 And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night,

## **Here's The Only Part I Like About It**

None of Us in Heaven Will Know You're There

## **IS IT THE REALITY OF ETERNITY?**

**3c.) Eternity in light of what you know**

## Verse 27-31

:27 “Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would **send him** to my father’s house, :28 for I have five brothers, **that he may testify** to them, lest they also come to this place of **torment.**’

### Torment

βάσανος *basanos*, *bas-a-nos*;

The Greek word implies of “plunging” or “racing” to the bottom.  
The result of being tied to a great stone that’s sinking!!!

### Note to Self;

How Can I Make This Clear to The Church?

– O’ Lord Help Me!

**28** I have five brothers that **he may testify** to them, lest they also come to this place of **torment.** :**29** Abraham said to him, “They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ :**30** And he said, “No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ :**31** But he (Abraham) said to him, “If they do not hear **Moses** and the **prophets**, neither will they be persuaded though one **rise from the dead.**’ ” :**31** But he (Abraham) said to him, “If they do not hear **Moses** and the **prophets**, neither will they be persuaded though one **rise from the dead.**’ ”

### Abraham / Jesus

**Let Them Read Their Bibles - They have excess just like you did**

(But clearly you never chose to read it or believe it)

**THE GOD OR GOD’S THAT YOU WORSHIP;  
WHAT DO THEY VALUE? – I CAN TELL...**

“What” or “Whom” Your Passion Is – That is Your God.

And is your God able? Is it or *He* worth it?

- How Do You Know?

**!!! Come Forward Now !!!**

*End of Study*