

## Honest About Eternity

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An old Scottish preacher had to go by a glass factory each day on his way to the church. On one occasion he had a little time, and since the factory door was open, he decided to look inside. There before him was a large blazing furnace. The minister gazed in the White, Blue and Purple mass of liquid flame, and the intense heat almost seared his face. As he turned to leave, a workman standing in the shadow nearby overheard him exclaim, "Man, what shall Hell be like! Several days later the man came to see the pastor at the church. You don't know me he said, but the other night when you stepped into the furnace room I heard what you said. Now every time I open that hot door to stoke the fire the words ring in my mind. What shall Hell be like! I have come to you sir to find out how to be saved. I don't ever want to know the reality of that place called Hell. That dear man came to know Christ and the certainty of Heaven and everlasting life as he personally received the Lord Jesus into his own heart and life.

We live in a very sophisticated day and age do we not? Men in our day try to erase the very thought of Hell from their minds and heart. Even preachers and the cultists verbally deny the existence of Hell as a literal place of torment. What they are really telling us is that they do not believe the God of the Bible and they are calling the Lord Jesus Christ a liar. In Luke 16 Jesus spoke about Hell as a literal place that is already in existence.

Luke 16:19-31, “ "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. "Then he 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.' 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. 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.' "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'" NKJV

I have heard some folk say, but that is only a parable. Really?? Look again at this text carefully. First Jesus always introduced his parables as such. We read in the Bible such statements as "another parable spoke Jesus unto them, or these parables spoke Jesus unto them but such is not the case in Luke 16. Also, without exception, Jesus never used personal names in parables, but he talks about Lazarus and Abraham being in Hell.

The Bible teaches that Hell exists right now, and that when Christ brings this world to an end, and sits in judgment at the Great White Throne Judgment, where all of the unsaved of all ages will stand in their unglorified, unchanged bodies resurrected from the grave they shall be cast into the everlasting lake of fire in judgment, a place created for Satan and the fallen angels.

Matt 25:41-46, “"Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels' . . . "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.".

Mark 9:43-44, “to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched, where 'Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.' NKJV

Are you saved dear friend? Please I beg you for your eternal destiny, believe God and make Christ your Savor.