

PARABLES—Section 3, Part 11a

Luke 16:24-31

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1. 16:22 Remember, the rich man was not in Hell because he was rich, nor was Lazarus saved because he was poor.
2. 16:14 The Pharisees consistently treated the poor the same way the rich man treated Lazarus...with no love, no sympathy, no interest.
3. 16:23 Many deny Hell as reality, not stopping to consider that it is the very thing Jesus died to protect us from.
4. 16:24 The rich man, who previously had everything, now had a need. He who showed no mercy asked for mercy.
5. 16:24 If the Lake of Fire (Revelation 20:10) is the permanent prison of the damned, then Hades is the holding cell, and the suffering is very real.
6. 16:24 In truth, people send themselves to Hell by refusing the love of God and the Word of God.
7. 16:24 A believer who dies is immediately in the conscious joy of Heaven. The damned are immediately in the conscious experience of pain and torment.
8. 16:24 The rich man did not protest how he got to Hell, because he knew he deserved it. He was pleading for relief.
9. 16:25 The rich man determined his destiny by leaving God out of his life; now neither his character nor his destiny could be changed.
10. 16:25 The judgment is irrevocable; there is no suggestion of purgatory in the Bible.
11. 16:26 Hades had two compartments: one for the unrighteous (called Hell), one for the Old Testament saints (called Abraham's bosom). After the crucifixion and before the resurrection, Jesus descended into Hades, announcing atonement for sins had been completed. At His ascension, all the souls of the Old Testament saints were removed from the Paradise side of Hades (Abraham's bosom) and led into Heaven (Romans 3:25; Ephesians 4:8-10, Hebrews 9:15).

12. 16:27-28 With conscious awareness, the rich man remembered his family members who were lost and did not want them to join him.
13. 16:29 Jesus taught that having the Old Testament was enough to understand who man is before God.
14. 16:29 Only one thing could prevent the five brothers from joining their brother in Hell...they needed to hear the Word of God and to respond in faith (Luke 6:46; Romans 2:13; James 1:22).
15. Jesus tells us the only way to escape Hell is to listen to the message, believe the message, and act on the message.

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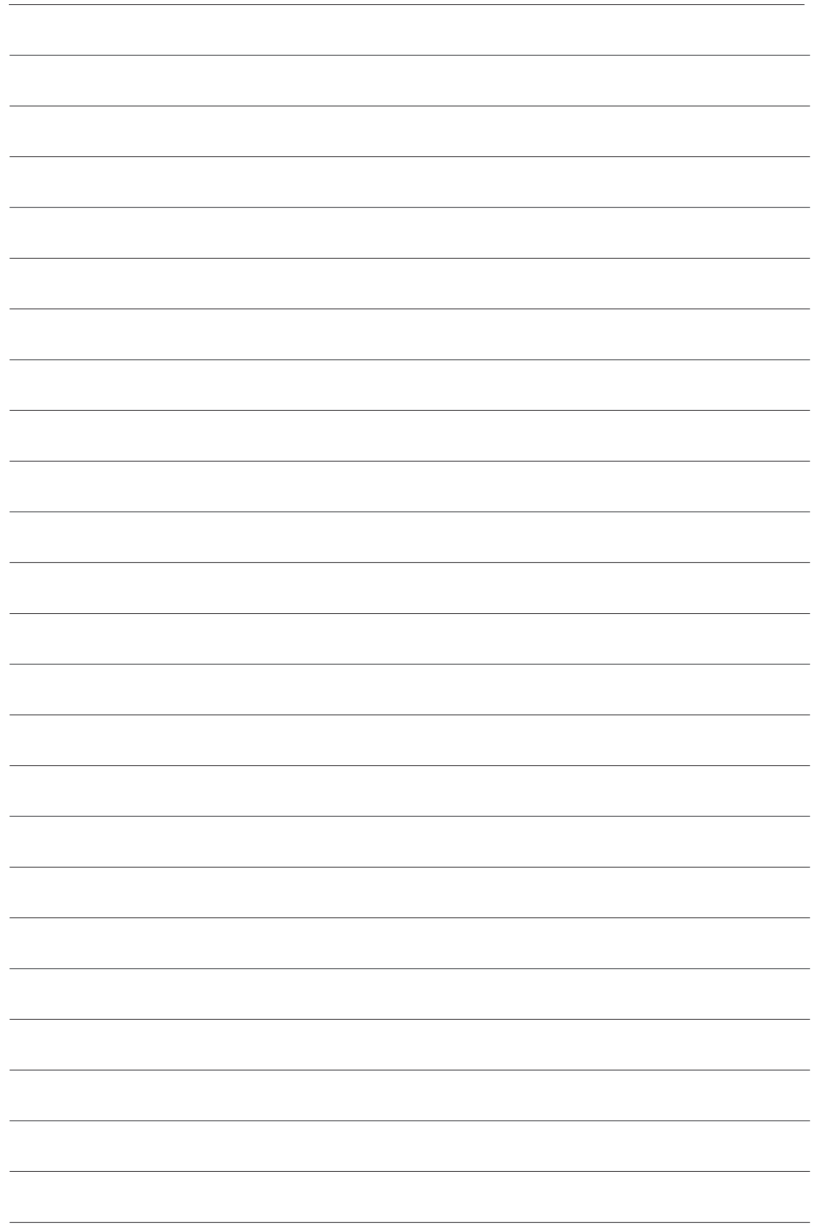
Odunao (od-oo-nah'-o)—to agonize, grieve: — sorrow, torment

Chasma (khas'-mah)—a void, gaping "chasm" or vacancy (impassable): — gulf

QUOTES

"Every human being is in the process of becoming a noble being, noble beyond imagination; or else, alas, a vile being beyond redemption. The dullest and most uninteresting person you can talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet if at all only in a nightmare. There are no ordinary people. It is immortals that we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit; immortal horrors or everlasting splendors."

~C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory* (1942)



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