

PARABLES—Section 3, Part 11c

Luke 16:24-31

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1. 16:27-28 Those in Hell are conscious; they are fully aware and fully informed (Revelation 14:11).
2. 16:27-28 Unforgiven sin sends you to Hell. The rich man knew his brothers had this issue in their lives.
3. 16:29 Referring to Moses and the Prophets was an ancient way of referring to the Old Testament.
4. 16:29 The power is in the Scriptures.
5. 16:29 Jesus tells us the way to eternal life and to avoid eternal death is to listen to the message and to believe the message.
 - ⇒ If you believe in repentance, you believe sin is real.
 - ⇒ If you believe sin is real, you know what guilt is.
 - ⇒ If you believe sin is real, and you know what guilt is, you believe in law.
 - ⇒ If you believe in law, you have to believe in a source of authority of that law; therefore, you believe in a Lawgiver.
6. 16:30 The rich man was implying that he would not be in Hell if there had been more proof.
7. 16:30 We are not saved by good works; rather we are saved so that we can do good works (Ephesians 2:8-10). If there is a 'work' that saves you, it is God's work in regenerating you through the Lord Jesus.
8. 16:31 Miracles do not convince those whose hearts are hard and who refuse to be persuaded.
9. 16:31 The Pharisees constantly pushed Jesus to show them signs before they would believe. But He told them that even the ultimate sign of His resurrection would not convince them (Matthew 12:38-40; 16:1).
10. 16:31 Miracles were given to confirm the authority of the one performing the miracle; they cannot produce conversion.

11. 16:31 All the information they needed was already available.

12. 16:31 What they were refusing to believe was that they needed to repent. The mindset of the Pharisees was that they were "good enough."

How does the Old Testament convict to the point of salvation? It demonstrates the need to believe the following:

- To believe in the nature of God as holy, as a Judge
- To believe in one's own sinfulness and in the need for repentance
- To believe that an appeal to God was purely on the basis of grace and nothing more
- To believe that God provides forgiveness of sin
- To believe that God's justice could be satisfied by substitution

GREEK WORDS

Akouō (ak-oo'-o)—a primary verb; to hear : — give audience, understand



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