

## The Rich Man and Lazarus

Intro: Everyone is a servant

(of someone or something)

No slave can serve two masters.

Prop: You should be a servant of God.

The Rich Man was not a servant of God

(He was not a true son of Abraham).

He demonstrated this in two ways:

A. Prizing Money and Outward Things

BUT Ignoring the Heart & Good Works

1. Earthly Injustice/Man's Unjust Judgment –

Only the appearance of being Righteous

2. Heavenly Justice/God's Righteous Judgment -

God sees the Heart

B. Privileged as to Revelation

BUT Ignoring God's Word

1. Fruitless attempts to enter the Kingdom

(apart from Repentance)

2. The Importance of the Scriptures

A' Prizing Money and Outward Things

BUT Ignoring the Heart & Good Works

1. Earthly Injustice

a. Only the Best for Himself

(Extravagance as abuse of Wealth)

b. Nothing for Others

(an abuse of Poverty & the Poor)

2. Heavenly Justice

a. Lazarus' Death

b. The Rich Man's Death

1) His Damnation

Vs Lazarus

2) His Discomfort

Painful Feelings

Painful Memories

Vs Lazarus

B' Privileged as to Revelation

BUT Ignoring God's Word

1. Fruitless attempts to enter the Kingdom

(Repentance is N/A)

2. The Importance of the Scriptures

Luke 16:13

No servant can serve two masters;  
for he will either hate the one and love the other,  
or be devoted to the one and despise the other.  
You cannot serve God and wealth."

Luke 16:14

The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all this, and they ridiculed him.

Luke 16:15

So he said to them,  
"You are those who justify yourselves in the sight of others;  
but God knows your hearts;  
for what is prized by human beings is an abomination in the sight of God.

Luke 16:16

"The law and the prophets were in effect until John came;  
since then the good news of the kingdom of God is proclaimed,  
and everyone tries to enter it by force.

Luke 16:17

But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away,  
than for one stroke of a letter in the law to be dropped.

Luke 16:19

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen  
and who feasted sumptuously every day.

Luke 16:20

And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

Luke 16:21

who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table;  
even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

Luke 16:22

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.  
The rich man also died and was buried.

Luke 16:23

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with  
Lazarus by his side.

Luke 16:24

He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me,  
and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue;  
for I am in agony in these flames.'

Luke 16:25

But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good  
things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things;  
but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.'

Luke 16:26

Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who  
might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

Luke 16:27

He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—

Luke 16:28

for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this  
place of torment.'

Luke 16:29

Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.'

Luke 16:30

He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will  
repent.'

Luke 16:31

He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be  
convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"