

Luke 16:19-31



Felt Suffering

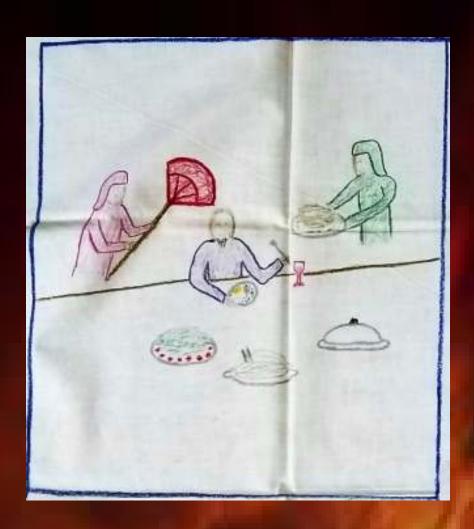
Cried For Mercy - Help Complaining

Heard
What He Had Lost
Why He Was In Torment
That There Was
No Second Chance

- He saw
- He felt
- He cried
- He heard
- He remembered

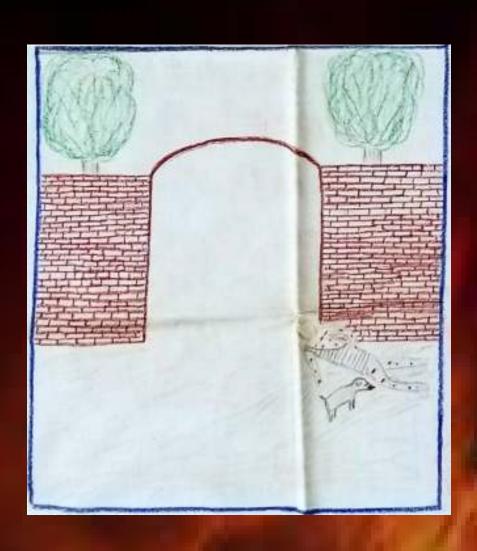
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In Life - Fared Sumptuously



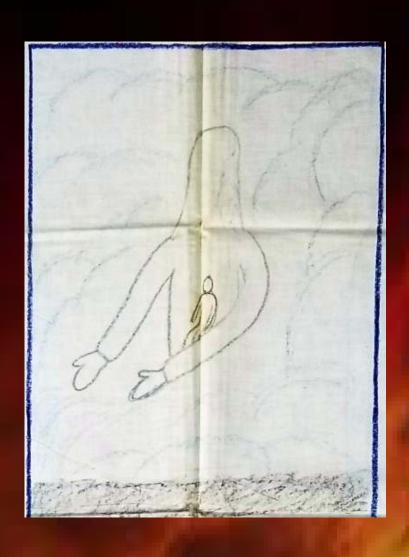
 Luke 16:19 - "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day."

In Life - Lay at the Gate



Luke 16:20-21 - 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 came and licked his sores."

In Death - Abraham's Bosom



 Luke 16:22 - "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom."

In Death - In Torments



Luke 16:22-24 - "The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 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""

Seeing



Imagine this being one of the last images that he would see,
Becoming fully aware of the eternal nature of his mistake,
Completely and eternally aware of what he would never have

- Luke 16:23 "And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."
- Matt. 25:30 "And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness"
- Rev. 21:23 "The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light."

Feeling



- Luke 16:24 "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."
- Imagine learning that his condition of pain would never receive any relief of any kind forever. His condition of grief would never come to an end.
- In this fallen world, sorrow and joy are seasonal; they inevitably change.
- In Perdition, the season of sorrow is static; it will never transition into anything but increasing sorrow.

Feeling



- Matt. 25:30, 41 "...There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth... 41 ...the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels"
- Rev. 21:4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Crying



 Luke 16:24 - "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me..."

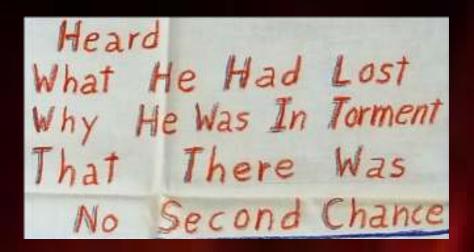
- Imagine realizing that this and the Judgment are the only times where the unrighteous dead will be able to make a futile appeal to God.
- Even though his appeal was rejected, he was heard when he made it.
- Now imagine being in a place where all of the appeals to God will go unanswered and unheard.

Crying



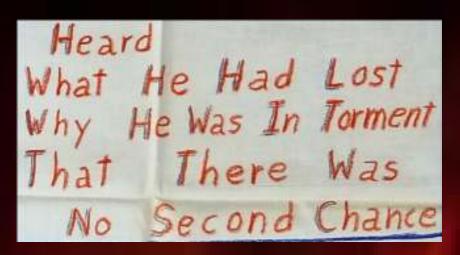
- 2Thes. 1:9 "They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might"
- Psalm 126:5-6 "Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy. 6 He who continually goes forth weeping,
 Bearing seed for sowing,
 Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him."

Hearing



Luke 16:25-26 - "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."

Hearing



Rev. 22:14 - "Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city."

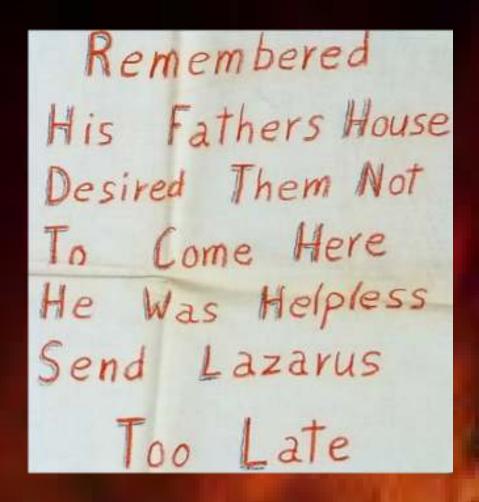
Matt. 25:41, 44-46 - "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed...' 44 Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' 45 Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment..."

Remembering

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Luke 16:27-28 - "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."

Remembering



Luke 16:29-31 - "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 said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.""

Lessons From the Rich Man and Lazarus

- Wealth does not necessarily indicate spiritual maturity or that a person has spiritual favor on one's life. Wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness.
- Poverty does not necessarily indicate that a person is cursed.
- Heaven and Hell are real places.
- How we live in our time in this world will affect where we will spend eternity.
- Judgment is permanent. There are no second chances after death or escape from Perdition after the Judgment.
- The scriptures bring us to the foot of the cross; signs and wonders do not. If we close our eyes to the written truth we are given, we are doomed.