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“Abraham’s P.S.”

“For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” (Genesis 18:19)

Realm Relocation

Luke 16:19-23 – (19) “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. (20) And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, (21) who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. (22) The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, (23) and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side.”

Reversals

Luke 16:24-26 – (24) “And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ (25) But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. (26) And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’”

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”
(Matthew 5:3)**

“I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 8:11-12)

Revelation Restriction

Luke 16:27-31 –(27) “And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— (28) for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ (29) But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ (30) And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ (31) He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

“I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.” (Psalm 138:2 NKJV)

“and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.” (2 Timothy 3:15)

Takeaways from Abraham’s P.osthumous S.ervice

(1) Sumptuous Living saps the Spirit of Giving (Luke 16:19-20)

(2) Hoarding is Hellish (Luke 16:25)

(3) Truth Trumps Experience (Luke 16:31)

(4) No Second Chances after Death

Questions to Ponder:

(1) What impacted me most from this message?

(2) Am I excessive in the luxuries of this life?

(3) Am I aware of the natural inclination to value experience over truth?

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)