

# HELL

Lk.16:19-31; Rev.20:10-15

**Text: Lk.16:23, "And in Hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments."**

## The Place Called Hell

In Luke 16 it appears the rich man died and went immediately to a place called Hell. It is a place of torment. From that place he looked up, and in crying to Abraham he begged him to send Lazarus to his father's house to warn his five brothers of that terrible place of torment he was in. And that they were doomed because of unbelief.

## The Path to Hell

Jesus in the Sermon of the Mount made it plain that wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it, Matt.7:13b. The most terrible tragedy on the Highway to Hell is that most of the travelers don't mean or want to end up in Hell! But the sad, sad truth is that more will stumble into Hell than march gloriously into Heaven! Jesus said so in our text (Highways to Hell, *Fred Barlow*).

## The People in Hell

John the Apostle, as he beheld the Alpha and the Omega seated on His throne, was told, *"The cowardly, the unbelieving, the sexual immoral, those that practice magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur, Rev. 21:8."*

## The Pains of Hell

In Luke 16 the rich man in Hell was tormented by flame and thirst. His tongue kept burning, and as he sought pity and relief, he cried to Abraham to get Lazarus to dip his finger in water and cool of his tongue. Isa. 33:14 sets forth the question, *"Who of us can dwell with the consuming fire."*

## The Permanence of Hell

There was a great fixed gulf between the rich man and Abraham. He was eternally separated from God and his redeemed friends. Matt. 25: 41, 46, speaks of everlasting punishment and eternal fire.

False cults and liberal preachers try to talk themselves out of Hell. They declare there is no such place, or God is too good to punish the sinner. But we read in Heb. 10:31, *"It is a fearful thing to fall in the hands of the living God."* We can't spit in God's face, and trample under foot the blood of His precious Son, and get away with it.

We read in 2 Peter 3:9, that God is not willing that any should perish. Men **will not die for** their sins, because Christ died for the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2). Neither will they go to Heaven because of their "good works." They will go to everlasting punishment because of their unbelief. Christ says, in John 8:24, *"I told you that you would **die in** your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one (the Son from above) I claim to be, you will indeed **die in** your sins."*

The only way of escaping Hell is to trust Christ. 1 Cor. 15:3, *"Christ died for our sins."* In 1 Tim.1:15 we are told that *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."* The gift of eternal life is to all who receive Him as Redeemer and Lord, John 1:12.

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