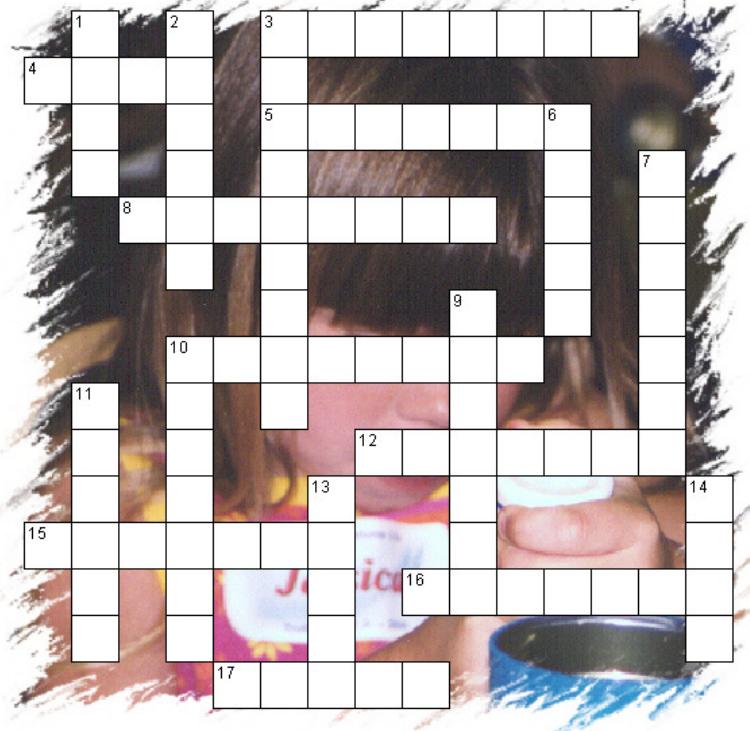


Crossword Puzzle



Across

Down

- 3. The rich man lived his life in _____. 1. Lazarus lived in _____ and sickness.
- 4. Lazarus sat at the rich man's _____. 2. Lazarus was a poor _____.
- 5. The poor beggar. 3. ... those who reject God's _____.
- 8. The pleasant part of Hades. 6. This is a true _____.
- 10. Moses and the _____. 7. ... lived his life in ease and _____.
- 12. The rich man went to the place of _____. 9. Such a one will receive _____ comfort and rest.
- 15. The rich man was condemned because he did not ____ God's Word. 10. We should not care only for the _____ day.
- 16. He was dressed in the finest _____. 11. ... the one who ____ God's Word will suffer eternal torment.
- 17. _____ and the prophets. 13. The Lord _____.
- 14. ... enjoying a life of _____ and comfort.



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The Ministry of the Lord Jesus

- Lesson Twenty One -

Gospel Presentation (2) – The Rich Man and Lazarus

I. Overview.

In this lesson we will look at another story from the Gospel of Luke. In this interesting, true story, we can see beyond the curtain of death into the destinies of two men. The first man was a rich man who rejected God's Word during his lifetime and lived luxuriously, and a poor man named Lazarus who believed God's Word. When the rich man died, he passed from temporary comfort to eternal torment. When Lazarus died, he passed from temporary suffering to eternal comfort.



The rich man lived his life in splendor.

In this story we can see how the rich man, now suffering in pain, appealed to Abraham that Lazarus would be sent to his five brothers to warn them to believe in God's Word. Abraham said that they already had Moses and the prophets speaking to them from God's Word. If they would not believe God's Word, then they would not believe one raised from the dead.

II. Memory Verse.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.”

(Heb. 2:3)

III. Lesson.

This story is a true story spoken by the Lord Jesus Himself to warn those who reject God's Word of salvation. Some people only care to live for the present day. They have no thought for the time after they die. If we live our lives only for the present day, and do not believe in God's Word, we will suffer eternal torment. If we believe the Word we will be comforted.

The Rich Man and Lazarus

In this story there was a rich man who had everything that he wanted. He lived his life in splendor, dressed in the finest clothes and enjoying a life of ease and comfort. At his gate was a poor beggar named Lazarus. Lazarus was always dressed in rags and lived in pain and sickness, with sores all over his skin. When Lazarus died, he was carried away to paradise, which is the pleasant part of Hades (the place of the dead). In paradise he was placed in Abraham's bosom because he believed God's Word.

When the rich man died, he also was taken to Hades, but rather than being in paradise, he was brought to the place of torment. Being in pain, and seeing Lazarus in Abraham's bosom, he requested that Abraham would send Lazarus to bring him some water. Abraham told him that this was not possible, for he had received his good things during his lifetime and this was his time for torment.



Lazarus was a poor beggar at the gate of the rich man's house.

The rich man then asked that Abraham would send Lazarus to his father's house to warn his brothers so that they would not end up in the same way. But Abraham told him that his brothers had Moses and the prophets to warn them. He also told

them that if they did not believe God's Word through Moses and the prophets, that they would not believe even if Lazarus was to be sent to them as risen from the dead. Moses and the prophets speak God's Word in the Bible.

The rich man was not condemned because he was rich. It was because he did not receive and believe in God's Word. Likewise, Lazarus was not saved because he was poor, it was because he believed in God's Word. When a person hears the Word of God and believes in Jesus Christ he will be saved. It would not matter to such a one that he suffers temporarily during his lifetime. Such a one will receive eternal comfort and rest. However the one who rejects God's Word will suffer eternal torment.

— QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION —

1. Why was Lazarus saved?

2. Which is more important, the temporary conditions of the present life, or our eternal condition?

3. Why was the rich man condemned?

4. Where did Moses and the prophets speak God's Word?

