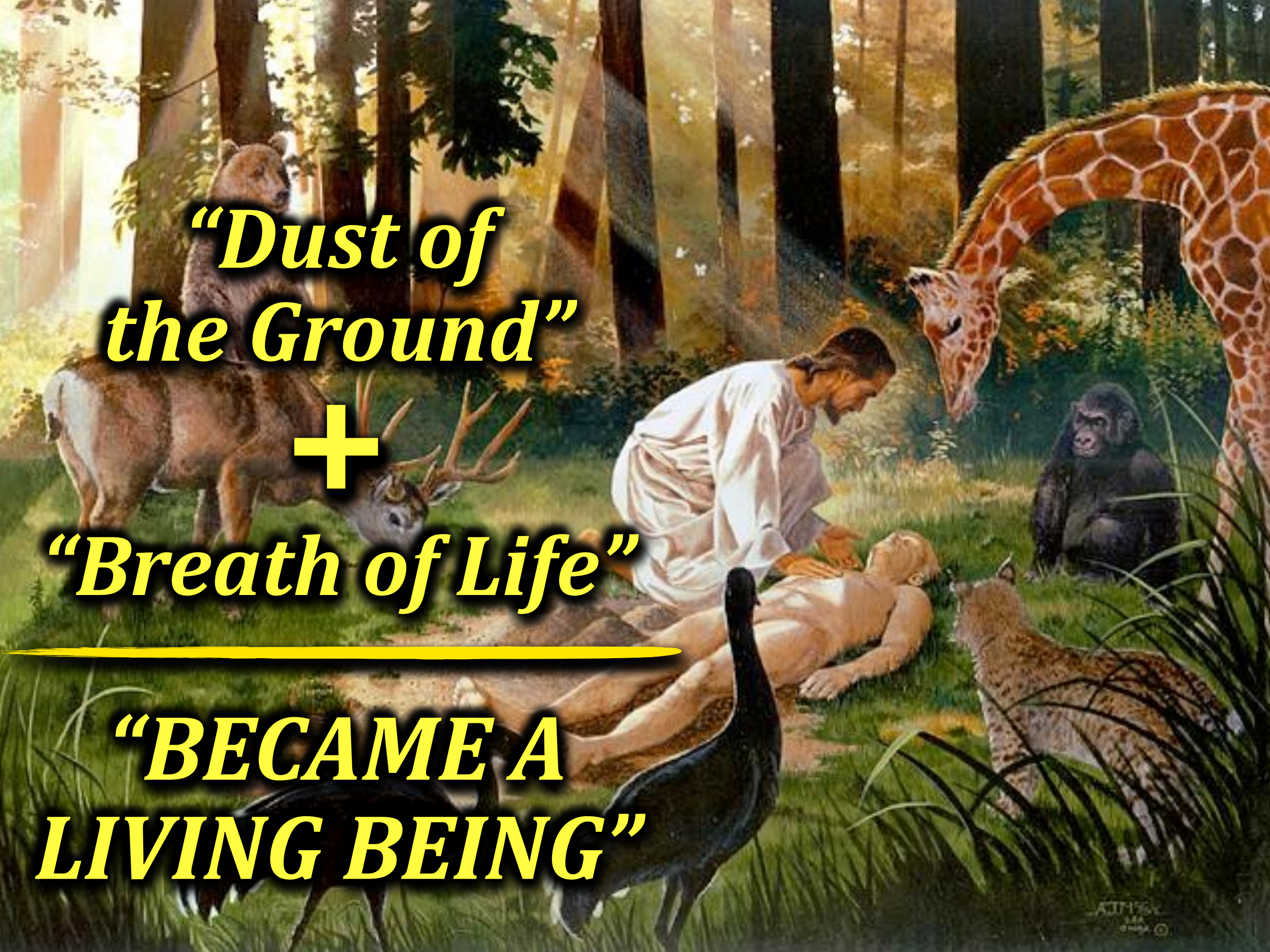


**THE TRUTH ABOUT
THE RICH MAN
& LAZARUS**

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Most Popular Ideas:

- ▶ “GOOD” - HEAVEN
- ▶ “BAD” - HELL
- ▶ “SO-SO” - PURGATORY
- ▶ “SOUL FLOATS” around
- ▶ “REENCARNATES” in a new form of life




***“Dust of
the Ground”***

+

“Breath of Life”

***“BECAME A
LIVING BEING”***



*Breath
of Life*
returns
to God

The *Dust*
returns to
the Earth



50 times BIBLE

1. SLEEP



What is DEATH?

**2. WAITING
PERIOD**

**When will the
dead live again?**



*“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice **29** and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.”*



John 5:28-29

2 RESSURRECTIONS?

"...of life"

"...of condemnation"

A wooden walkway with railings leads into a fiery, hellish landscape. The background is filled with intense orange and red flames, creating a sense of heat and danger. The walkway is made of dark wood and has a railing on both sides, leading the viewer's eye towards the center of the image.

HELL
THE HOTTEST LIE
OF THE DEVIL

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The background of the image is a dramatic, fiery scene. In the foreground, a wooden walkway with railings leads from the bottom center towards the background. The walkway is made of dark, weathered wood. The background is a bright, intense fire with orange and yellow flames, creating a sense of heat and danger. The overall atmosphere is one of a hellish or infernal environment.

**WHY IS THIS
IMPORTANT?**

**NO OTHER CONCEPT
HAS PUSHED PEOPLE
AWAY FROM
GOD AS
THE IDEA
OF HELL**

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31x as “HELL”;

31x as “GRAVE”;

03x as “PIT” or “DEATH”;



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Neal, D. A. (2016). *Sheol*. In J. D. Barry, D. Bomar, D. R. Brown, R. Klippenstein, D. Mangum, C. Sinclair Wolcott, ... W. Widder (Eds.), *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

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“Hades” - 11x;

“Hell” - 10x

“Grave” - 1x

“Gehena” - 12x; “Hell” - 12x

“Tartaros” - 01x

HELL IS...

Mat. 8:11-12; 13:41-42;
23:33; 24:50-51; Luke 12:4-5

... a place in darkness;

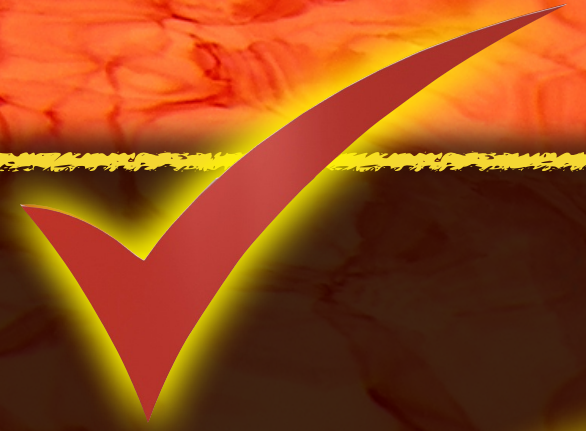
... hot as a blazing furnace;

... where there will be punishment and
condemnation;

... where there will be weeping and
gnashing of teeth;

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"HELL" - WHY FUTURE TENSE?

“Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt.”

Dan. 12:2

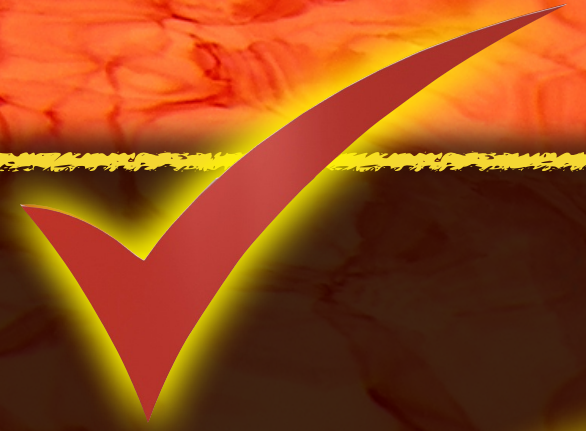
"HELL" - WHY FUTURE TENSE?

“By the same word the present **heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly.**(...) , The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**”

2 Pe. 3:7 and 9

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Mark 9:43

*" If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go **into hell, where the fire never goes out.**"*

"HELL" & THE "TIME OF SUFFERING":

1. SUFFERING IS VARIABLE;

*“Look, I am coming soon! My **reward** is with me, and **I will give to each person according to what they have done.**”*

Apoc. 22:12

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*“In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. **They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.**”*

Jude 7

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Reference to something
“**ETERNAL**” or “**FOREVER**”, that
has already ceased in the Scriptures:

57 TIMES

2 Pe. 3:10

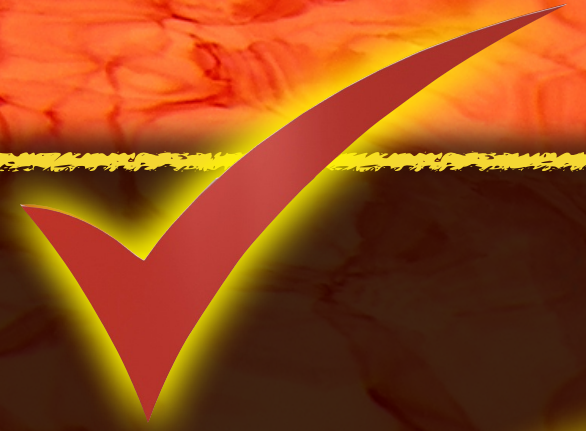
"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up."

Rev. 20:9

“They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.”

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EARTH

WORKS

**JUDGMENT
DAY**

**ETERNAL
CONSEQUENCES**

2 Pe. 3:13

*“But in keeping with his promise
we are looking forward to a
NEW HEAVEN and a NEW EARTH,
where righteousness dwells.”*

LUKE

16:19-31

THE RICH MAN
&
LAZARUS



“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.”

Luke 16:19-31



“In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ ²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you...”

Luke 16:19-31



“...received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ ²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to...”

Luke 16:19-31



“...my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

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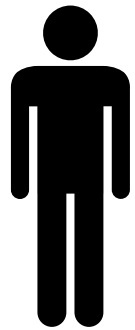


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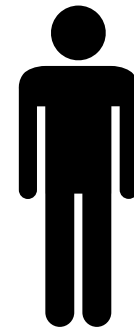
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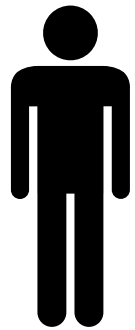


Rich Man



“... covered with sores, longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table... the dogs licked his sores.”

Lazarus/Beggar



“dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day”

Rich Man

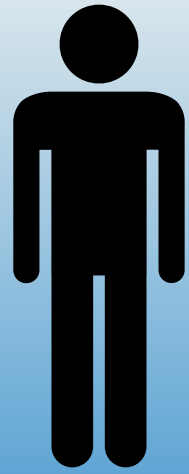


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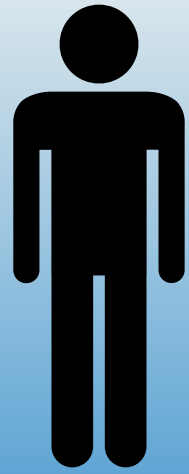
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ABRAHAM'S SIDE

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HADES



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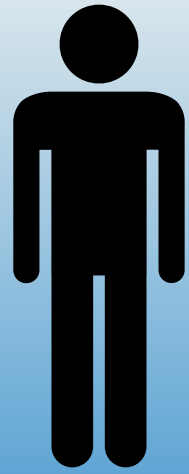
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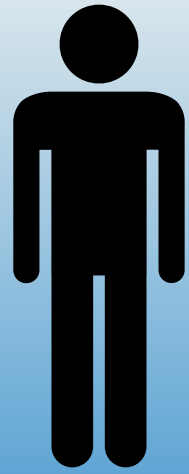
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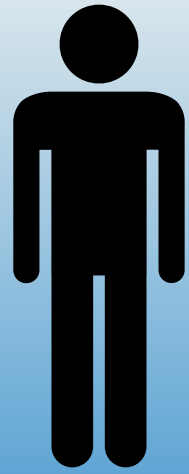
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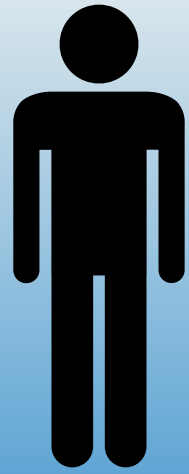
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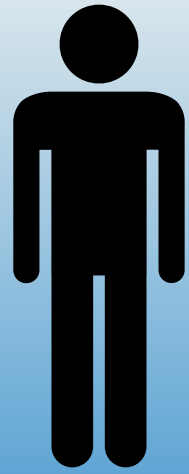
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LUKE 16:19-31

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LUKE 15

“Now the **tax collectors** and **sinners** were all gathering around to hear Jesus. **2** But the **Pharisees** and the **teachers of the law** muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

3 PARABLES:

(4-7) Lost Sheep;

(8-10) Lost Coin;

(11-31) Lost Son;



LUKE 16

Parable of the Shrewd Manager

“Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer...””



LUKE 16

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LUKE 16:19-31

The Rich Man & Lazarus

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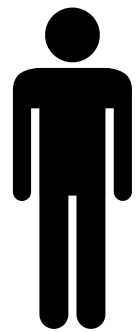
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Forsaken (dogs);**

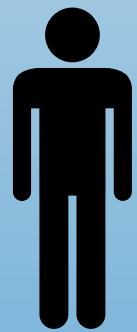
“dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day”

Rich Man



**Lived in Luxury;
Plenty of food &
clothes;
Blessed by God;**

Lazarus/Beggar



SALVATION

ABRAHAM'S SIDE

Rich Man



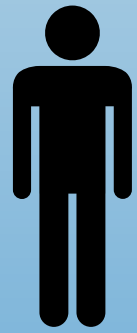
CONDENATION



HADES

In life was covered
with sores but his
heart was with God

Lazarus/Beggar



SALVATION

ABRAHAM'S SIDE

In life was clothed
in purple and that's
all he ever had

Rich Man



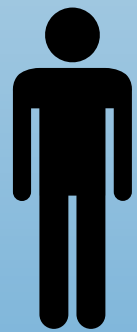
CONDENATION



**Died a beggar, but
rested in the hope
of the future promises**

BECAME AN HEIR

Lazarus/Beggar



SALVATION

ABRAHAM'S SIDE

**Money, Wealth,
Luxury, Power,
Status,...**

DID NOT HELP

Rich Man



COMNDENATION



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In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Christ shows that in this life men decide their eternal destiny. During probationary time the grace of God is offered to every soul.

Ellen G. White

**Christ's Object
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“”

But if men waste their opportunities in self-pleasing, they cut themselves off from everlasting life. No after-probation will be granted them. By their own choice they have fixed an impassable gulf between them and their God.

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This parable draws a contrast between the rich who have not made God their dependence, and the poor who have made God their dependence. Christ shows that the time is coming when the position of the two classes will be reversed.

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Those who are poor in this world's goods, yet who trust in God and are patient in suffering, will one day be exalted above those who now hold the highest positions the world can give but who have not surrendered their life to God.

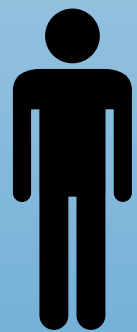
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**WHEN THE TIME COMES,
WHERE WILL YOU WAKE UP?**

**THE WAY YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE
TODAY IS THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION**

Lazarus/Begggar



SALVATION

ABRAHAM'S SIDE

Rich Man



COMMNDENATION



HADES