



The Rich Man in Hell – Part Two

Last month, I laid a foundation for the remaining part of this teaching. We learned what the Bible says about death, and we also studied the first part of Jesus' confrontation of the Pharisees on the subject of Adultery. This month, we will continue with Part Two, which will teach you about the rich man in hell, what hell means, and how you can change your life into a victorious Christian life without any worries of hell.

The Rich Man in Hell (continued)

Let's now pick up Luke 16:

{23} ...the rich man also died, and was buried; {23}



And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

The Pharisees taught that there were three places to go to after death: 1. Abraham's bosom: 2. "Under the throne of glory. 3. In the garden of Eden (Paradise). When speaking of death, they would say, "this day he sits in Abraham's bosom." But the Word never teaches this. This was only their tradition. They believed that the dead didn't really die as

satan taught in Genesis. Jesus was using this false teaching as a of confrontation.

Verse 22 and 23 were split. Join the phrase "and was buried and in hell." The second "and" is omitted. It would read, "and was buried in hell." Hell is the Greek word hades, meaning, "gravedom – the place of burial." This Greek word was used by the Greeks to describe "the unseen world." The Bible does not use this meaning. *We are simply not concerned with the meaning that the Greeks put upon it*, which is entirely misleading from the Biblical meaning. We also have nothing to do with the imaginations of the unbelievers,

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or the traditions of the Jews or Romanists, or the teachings of demons or evil spirits, or of any who still cling to them (Bullinger).

God has used hades as a word pertaining “to the earth.” By using His original Biblical language, Hebrew, God has purified this word. God’s own words are pure.

There is no literature behind Hebrew, the fountainhead of the Old Testament. But this is not the case with the New Testament Greek. The Hebrew She’owl, is a word Divine in its origin and usage. The Greek hades is human in its origin and comes down to us laden with centuries of development, in which it has acquired new senses, meanings, and usages.

God used hades in Acts 2: 27, 31 from Ps 16:10.

(Acts 2:27) Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell hades, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

(Acts 2:31) He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell hades, neither his flesh did see corruption.

(Psa 16:10) For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell she’owl; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

The meaning of she’owl is the ONE MEANING that we are to give it wherever it occurs in the New Testament. We have no liberty to do otherwise, and must discard everything outside the Word of God. Generally, the rendering of “the grave” and “the state of death” are most appropriate to use for translating hades.

So, the meaning of the phrase “and was buried and in hell” can better be translated “and was buried in the grave.” The rich man was buried in the grave. From the grave, he lifted up his eyes. As you already studied, you know that no one is alive after death. This means that no man could really lift up his eyes from the grave. This was a devilish teaching by the Pharisees.

The basis for this confrontation stems from what the Pharisees taught about life and death. They taught that, in life, two men may be coupled together, and one sees the other after death, and conversations take place. I hope you see how these corrupt leaders propounded the conjured doctrine that man does not really die. This is a false teaching.

{24} And he cried [out] and said, Father Abraham,
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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 [distressed or sorrowing] in this flame.

The Pharisees gave out long stories of similar imaginary conversations and discourses (Lightfoot from above). Lazarus was used as a living example of one who had been raised from the Dead. Jesus used his name here, and again in verse 31 (as the one who had been raised from the dead) as a primary teaching point.

{25} But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime [Lifetime means “life,” the opposite of death.] receivedst [did receive back] thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

Abraham refers to Father Abraham. “Son” refers to “child.” Tormented means, “sorrowing.” *Again, remember that this is a fable taught by the Pharisees.* It directly contradicts God’s Word regarding what happens to a person upon dying.

{26} And beside all this, between us and you there is [has been] a great gulf [chasm, but the Greek is a medical word meaning “open wound.”] fixed [set fast, established]: so that they which would [desire to] pass from hence to you cannot [are not]; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

{27} Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to [unto] my father’s house: {28} For I have five brethren; that he may

testify [earnestly testify] unto them, lest they also [that they also may not] come into this place of torment [sorrowing]. {29} Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets [referring to the Old Testament books]; let them hear them. {30} And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. {31} And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though [not even if] one rose from the dead.

Lazarus was raised from the dead. Later, so was Jesus. Jesus proved his point – twice. Jesus’ words were proved to be true no matter what these evil men taught and believed. Jesus was right; they were wrong. These Pharisees wouldn’t go to God’s Word for their teachings (Moses and the prophets) and they

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wouldn't believe a real example of a resurrection.

The teachings of the Pharisees were false, and Jesus was confronting them. He confronted their teachings on the dead being alive after death, and he also confronted their false teachings on adultery and how to deal with it according to the Law.

From this, you can understand that Jesus was addressing the Pharisees and their false doctrine. Jesus was teaching the Law to the Jews. To complicate our matter of understanding, the Greek to English translation used the word "hell" as the rich man's destination after death, which may have communicated something different 400 years ago, but today, it communicates a place of fantasy, imagery, and untruth. The Pharisees taught many fables and wild stories to support their ideology, but these

were never from God's Word. Those teachings seem to continue to this very day. Jesus used this one to make his point.

Here's how they responded to Jesus.

(Luke 16:14) **And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.**

They hated Jesus and God's Word. It's sad to realize that so many people today also deride Jesus' words in that the dead are not alive, they are dead. ***It is our responsibility to believe God's Word, no matter what other men believe and teach.***

The rich man only went to the grave, a very sad place in which no life existed. He was not alive as the Pharisees would have

one believe. He was dead. He was also not able to talk with a "counterpart" man still alive. Another fable. The discourse was impossible, yet taught by the Pharisees. Jesus used this as one example of the lies these men were teaching in order to confront their blatant unbelief of the Mosaic Law and Scriptures.

Even if it were true that the rich man went to hell, the Gospels are not addressed to Christians. But, we can learn from them.

(Rom 15:4) **For whatsoever things were written aforetime [the day of Pentecost] were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.**

The word "hell" occurs 11 times in the New Testament, and is rendered "hell" in every place except 1 Corinthians 15: 55,

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where it is rendered “grave.” We are not allowed to re-mean the Greek word hades from the Hebrew word she’owl. It means, “gravedom.” This meaning must be carried forth for all usages. That is how God used it originally, and we are not allowed to change it because of tradition or any other reason. *From this, we know that there is no Christian teaching on a place called “hell.”*

I’d like to list all 11 usages of the word hades.

(Mat 11:23) And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell [the grave]: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

(Mat 16:18) And I say also

unto thee, That thou art Peter [pebble], and upon this rock [Christ] I will build my church; and the gates of hell [the grave] shall not prevail against it.

(Luke 10:15) And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell [the grave].

(Luke 16:23) And in hell [the grave] he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

(Acts 2:27) Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell [the grave], neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

(Acts 2:31) He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell [the grave], neither his flesh did see corruption.

(1 Cor 15:55) O death, where is thy sting? O grave [the grave], where is thy victory?

(Rev 1:18) I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell [the grave] and of death.

(Rev 6:8) And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell [the grave] followed with him. And power was given unto them over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hunger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

(Rev 20:13) And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell [the grave] delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man

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according to their works.

(Rev 20:14) And death and hell [the grave] were cast into the lake of fire.

This is the second death.

I ask that you re-read these eleven verses and spend time when you come to the word “hell.” It should always be translated “grave.” No exceptions come with this rule. Knowing that God provided the true meaning of hades through use of the Hebrew word she’owl gives you perfect reason to accept the real meaning of hades.

It’s time for you to change your life into one representing total and complete victory over satan and his most devilish teaching – that man does not really die. It’s time to step into a victorious life in Christ and be free from any worries of hell and death!

Now, I ask you one question. If

you still believe in a hell, what verses are you using to support your doctrine? Where can you find even one teaching to the Christian Church about hell? Christian teachings are contained within the Seven Church Epistles (Romans through Thessalonians). Where can you see that the first Century Church, or the 22nd century church for that matter, were ever instructed on how to avoid such a place? The answers are one – you can’t. We have never been warned about such a place because such a place does not exist for us. *We have never been told how to avoid such a place because Christians are not at risk of such a place.*

I ask you to now take some time and remove your fears of fables and devilish teachings. Clean them out of your mind. It is impossible for a Christian to ever

end up in such a place because he is born again of God’s seed. And God’s seed is incorruptible. It can’t become evil, it can’t be removed. It can’t be altered. It can’t be destroyed or marred by fire, storms, devils, acts, events, or any such contrivances. It can’t be taken out of the heavenlies. Even the angels can’t touch it. Christians stand perfect in God’s eyes, even if they falter during their earthly life. Why, because God’s seed is perfect! God made it that way, for if He hadn’t, no man alive would ever have a chance of becoming a son of God. We are all sons of God with all power and we will never venture close to any type of place called hell.

The Rich Man in the Grave: Jesus confrontation of the Pharisees’ false teachings on the dead and adultery. (Read with changes from the Greek text). I put this together from what we have now

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learned. I changed the English words to those of the more correct meanings as previously described.

(Luke 16:19-31) There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: {20} And a certain poor man named Lazarus [used because he was one example of a resurrected man], laid at his gate, full of ulcers, {21} And desiring to be fed with the things which fell from the rich man's table: but instead of finding food, the dogs came and licked clean his sores. {22} And it came to pass, that the poor man died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom [one of the three places a person was said to go after death (false Pharisee teaching): the rich man also died, and was buried in the grave, lifting up his

eyes, being in sorrows, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. {24} And he cried out 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 sorrowing in this flame. {25} But Abraham said, child, remember that thou in thy life did receive back thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art sorrowing. {26} And beside all this, between us and you there has been a great chasm established: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. {27} Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father [Abraham], that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: {28} For I have five brethren; that he

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Verse 31 makes the final point. The Pharisees and these family members would not believe and teach the truth of these matters even if Lazarus taught them (he had been raised from the dead by Jesus). These guys were a lost cause. *This teaching was never to teach Christendom about some place called hell.* Jesus used this fantasy,

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a teaching of tradition by Pharisees, to confront the Pharisees and to tell them to stop spreading such lies about such a place of life after death, or any such punishment. Now, you go do the same.

Much Love in Christ,

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