

LUKE 16; September 2; The Reality of Eternal Hell

ANALYSIS:

1. What did the steward do so people would receive him into their houses after he was no longer steward? _____

2. What were the Pharisees, who were deriding Jesus, guilty of?

3. As a general rule, how does God view that which is highly esteemed among men? _____

4. Jesus said it was easier for heaven and earth to pass than for what to fail?

5. What two things were the rich man in hell concerned about?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Wealth or the lack thereof is not evidence of one's divine favor. The Pharisees were covetous (v 14), justified themselves before men, but God knew their hearts. Jesus warned them by telling them where the rich man went after his death. Lazarus, totally destitute and bothered by dogs, was carried by the angels at death into Abraham's bosom. God sovereignly elects to eternal life some from every strata of society and economic standing. Saints of means are warned to use their money for the glory of God and the benefit of God's people which gives evidence of their eternal life (1 Tim 6:17-19).

Right use of money in this life demonstrates the genuineness of our salvation. Money supports God's servants who serve as pastors, maintains a meeting house, spreads the gospel by means of the www and helps saints whom the Lord places in our path. "Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (Pro 3:9-10). How are you honoring the Lord with yours?

HELP:

1. He reduced the bills of those who were indebted to his lord (vs 5-7).
2. They were covetous (v 14).
3. As an abomination (v 15).
4. One tittle of the law to fail (v 17). [A "tittle" is the apex or highest point of a Hebrew letter, and may include a vowel marking on a letter.]
5. The rich man wanted (1) a tip of a wet finger to cool his tongue because of the flames of torment. (2) someone to warn his five brothers not to come where he was (vs 24, 28).