

JESUS CHRIST SON OF MAN

THE KINGDOM FROM THE HANDS OF NATURAL MAN INTO THE HANDS OF SPIRITUAL MAN
JESUS WILL NOW TEACH THE SPIRITUAL MAN HOW TO LIVE.

- I. PARABLE OF THE UNJUST - THE WISDOM OF THOSE OF THIS WORLD. -
 - a. **Luke 16:1-31** 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.' ³"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg-- ⁴I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' ⁵"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶" 'Eight hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied."The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred.' ⁷"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' " 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied."He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' ⁸"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light.
 - i. WHO IS THIS PARABLE ADDRESSED TO?
 - (1) HIS DISCIPLES - HIS MANAGERS
 - II. WHAT DOES JESUS WANT US TO KNOW?
 - (1) THAT WHAT WE HAVE IS HIS
 - (A) I HEAR THIS SAID OF THE LORD A LOT!
 - (i) **Psalm 50:10-12** for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. ¹¹I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. ¹²If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
 - (B) IS IT TRUE?
 - (C) WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU AND ME?
 - (i) THAT ALL THAT I HAVE IS HIS!
 - III. WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS "WORLDLY MANAGER"
 - (1) HE WAS CALLED IN TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF WHAT HE HAD DONE WITH HIS MATERS GOODS.
 - (2) IS THIS GOING TO HAPPEN TO US, AND IF SO WHEN?
 - (A) **Romans 14:9-13** For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.' " ¹²So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. ¹³Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way.
 - IV. WHAT DID THIS "WORLDLY MANAGER" DO?
 - V. WHAT DID THIS ACCOMPLISH FOR THE "WORLDLY MANAGER"?
 - VI. WHAT DID THE MASTER DO?

- (1) ⁸"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly.
(A) HE DID NOT COMMEND HIS DISHONESTY, BUT THAT HE WAS SHREWD.
- VII. NOW WHAT DOES JESUS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS?
- (1) For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light
(A) WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO YOU AND ME?
(B) WHAT DOES JESUS WANT US TO DO?

2. DOUBLE MINDEDNESS REBUKED

- a. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. ¹⁰"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? ¹³"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."
- i. WHAT WAS IT THAT JESUS WAS TRYING TO TEACH US IN THE PRECEDING VERSES THAT HELPS US UNDERSTAND THIS SET OF VERSES.
 - (1) WHEN HE COMMENDED HIS SHREWDNESS WHAT WAS HE COMMENDED HIM FOR DOING.
(A) PLANING AHEAD. LOOKING AHEAD. KNOWING THAT WHAT HE WAS DOING AT ONE TIME EFFECTS WHAT WILL EVENTUALLY HAPPEN TO HIM.
- II. AGAIN WHO IS JESUS ADDRESSING "I TELL YOU"
- III. IN THIS PORTION OF SCRIPTURE HOW DOES HE REGARD "I TELL YOU"
- (1) VERSE 13 IS THE KEY "SERVANT"
- IV. WHAT DOES HE WANT US TO DO WITH OUR [HIS] WORLDLY WEALTH?
 - (1) [MAKE FRIENDS] GAIN FRIENDS FOR YOURSELVES, SO THAT WHEN IT IS GONE, YOU WILL BE WELCOMED INTO ETERNAL DWELLINGS.
(a) WHO IS THIS [FRIENDS] THAT HE WANT US TO GAIN.
(i) **Matthew 24:45** "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time?"
- V. NOW HE WANT US TO UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS.
 - (1) FIRST IT STARTS WITH WHERE YOU ARE RIGHT NOW. WHAT [WORLDLY WEALTH] HAS HE GIVEN YOU TO WORK WITH?
(A) THE QUESTION [NO MATTER HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE YOU HAVE]
 - (i) "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much,
1) IT IS A MATTER OF TRUST.
A) and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.
- VI. THE REASON THE SERVANT WAS COMMENDED IN THE PREVIOUS TEACHING. HE KNEW WHAT HE HAD. HE KNEW HOW TO USE IT TO PROVIDE FOR HIMSELF.
- VII. NOW NOW NOW JESUS WILL TEACH ABOUT REAL WEALTH - THE WEALTH

THAT COMES FROM HEAVEN.

- (1) ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches

VIII. CAN GOD TRUST YOU WITH [WORLDLY WEALTH] [PROPERTY] THAT YOU AGREE BELONGS TO HIM.

IX. THE BELIEVER WANTS A GIFT FROM GOD. "GOD GIVE ME THIS GIFT" - WHAT IS GOD LOOKING FOR?

- (1) ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own

X. JESUS SEES A PROBLEM.

- (1) ¹³"No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money."

(A) MONEY HERE WOULD EQUAL THIS WORLD.

(B) YOU WANT THE RICHES OF GOD, GIVE UP THE PURSUIT OF THE RICHES OF THIS WORLD.

(I) IF GOD WANTS YOU TO HAVE THEM, YOU WILL GET THEM.

3. STANDARDS OF LIFE

- a. ¹⁴The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight.

I. NOW JESUS TURNS TO THE [RELIGIOUS] WHO DO NOT EXCEPT WHAT HE JUST TAUGHT.

II. HERE IS HIS CHARGE TOWARDS THEM.

- (1) "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men

(A) THIS SHOW OF PIETY - TELLING EVERYONE HOW GOOD YOU ARE - CONDEMNING EVERY ONE AND EVERY THING THAT IS NOT THE WAY YOU SEE IT.

III. THEY AND EVERYONE LIKE THEM HAS A REAL PROBLEM!!

- (1) but God knows your hearts.

(A) HERE IS THE PROBLEM. IT DOES NOT MATTER HOW MUCH OR HOW LITTLE YOU HAVE. IS IT GODS TO USE.

(I) I HAVE KNOWN A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO SAY, IF I HAD MORE I COULD GIVE. GOD SAYS GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE. HE SAYS THAT TO ALL OF US.

IV. AND HERE IT IS!!!!

- (1) What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight.

(A) WHAT IS THIS? WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT SHOULD BE DETESTABLE TO US?

VAIN THOUGHTS	Psalm 119:113 I hate double-minded men, but I love your law.
EVERY FALSE WAY	Psalm 119:104 I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path. Psalm 119:128 and because I consider all your precepts right, I hate every wrong path.

LYING	Psalm 119:163 I hate and abhor falsehood but I love your law.
EVIL	Proverbs 8:13 To fear the LORD is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.
A PROUD LOOK	Proverbs 6:17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

(B) GOD DOES NOT CARE HOW MUCH WORLDLY THINGS WE HAVE HE CARES ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE!.

4. TWO DIFFERENT INSTITUTES

- a. ¹⁶"The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it. ¹⁷It is easier for heaven and earth to disappear than for the least stroke of a pen to drop out of the Law.

I. ONE - THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

II. THE KINGDOM OF GOD - NOW

- (1) **John 1:17** For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- (2) **2 Corinthians 3:6-15** He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. ⁷Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹And if what was fading away came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts! ¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts.
- (3) **Galatians 3:17-25** What I mean is this: The law, introduced 430 years later, does not set aside the covenant previously established by God and thus do away with the promise. ¹⁸For if the inheritance depends on the law, then it no longer depends on a promise; but God in his grace gave it to Abraham through a promise. ¹⁹What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator. ²⁰A mediator, however, does not represent just one party; but God is one. ²¹Is the law, therefore, opposed to the promises of God?

Absolutely not! For if a law had been given that could impart life, then righteousness would certainly have come by the law. ²²But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. ²³Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. ²⁴So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law.

- (4) **Galatians 4:21-31** Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. ²³His son by the slave woman was born in the ordinary way; but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a promise. ²⁴These things may be taken figuratively, for the women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written: "Be glad, O barren woman, who bears no children; break forth and cry aloud, you who have no labor pains; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband." ²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son." ³¹Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

- (5) **Colossians 2:14-17** having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. ¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

III. ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF THE SPIRIT!

IV. BUT THE LAW IS STILL IN PLAY - BUT IT IS NOT THE LETTER OF THE LAW, BUT THE SPIRIT OF THE LAW THAT WE MUST DEAL WITH.

(1) THE LAW HAS NOT PASSED AWAY.

5. LAW ON DIVORCE

- a. ¹⁸"Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery, and the man who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

I. REASONS WHY YOU CAN NOT DISSOLVE A MARRIAGE

II.

A DIVINE INSTITUTION	<p>Matthew 19:4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,'</p> <p>Matthew 19:6 So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."</p> <p>Matthew 19:8 Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning.</p>
EXPRESS COMMANDMENT	<p>Matthew 19:5-6 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?</p>
EXAMPLE OF ADAM AND EVE	Verse 8
	Marriage makes a man & woman one in the flesh [world] common interests, fortunes, desires, joys, sorrows, Partnership
DIVORCE HAS EVIL & HURTFUL CONSEQUENCES TO ALL THOSE IT TOUCHES	<p>Matthew 19:9 I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."</p> <p>1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.</p> <p>Galatians 5:19-21 The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.</p>

iii. THIS ONE VERSE IS JUST AN EXAMPLE TO SHOW US THAT THE LAW IS STILL TO BE FOLLOWED!!!

6. TWO WHO LIVED ON EARTH

- a. ¹⁹"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.
- I. NOW WE ARE TO LOOK AT TWO MEN.
- II. THEY ARE REAL MEN.
- III. WHAT IS BEING TOLD IS, THE WAY IT WAS AND IS.
 - (1) EITHER THIS IS THE TRUTH OR NOT THE TRUTH
- IV. IT IS THE TRUTH, WHAT ARE WE TO LEARN FROM IT?
- V. AS THE [WORLD] LOOKS AT THESE TWO MEN, WHICH IS THE FORTUNATE ONE.
 - (1) WHY?
 - (2) WHAT COULD THE WORLD NOT SEE?
 - (3) DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
 - (4) WHAT DO WE SEE LAZARUS DOING?

- (A) WHAT DO YOU THINK OF HIM?
 - (5) WHICH ONE OF THESE MEN WOULD YOU WANT TO BE?
 - (6) WHY IS JESUS POINTING THIS OUT TO THE PHARISEES?
 - (A) WHAT DO THEY THINK ABOUT PEOPLE LIKE LAZARUS?
 - (B) WHAT DO THEY THINK ABOUT LIVE AFTER DEATH?
 - VI. WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT LIVE AFTER DEATH - THE REAL PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE!!
7. THEIR CONTRASTED EXPERIENCE IN DEATH - THE DEATH OF THE BEGGAR
- a. 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
- I. ANGELS DO NOT CARRY PEOPLE TO GRAVES BUT TO PARADISE
- (1) **2 Corinthians 5:8** We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.
 - (2) **Philippians. 1:21-24** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²²If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body.
 - (3) **Hebrews 12:23** to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect,
 - (4) **Revelations 6:9-11** When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. ¹⁰They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" ¹¹Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.
- II. ABRAHAM'S SIDE. - A JEWISH TERM USED TO DESCRIBED PARADISE
- (1) **Luke 23:43** Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."
 - (A) AT THIS TIME, THE LOCATION WAS IN THE INNER PARTS OF THE EARTH.
 - (i) **Matthew 12:40** For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.
 - (ii) **Ephesians 4:8-10** This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men." ⁹(What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)
 - (B) THIS OTHER PARADISE IS IN THE "THIRD HEAVEN"
 - (i) **2 Corinthians 12:1-4** I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ²I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know--God knows. ³And I know that this man--whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows--⁴was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell.
 - (ii) **Revelations 2:7** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.
 - (C) THE PARADISE OF EARTH, AS GOOD AS IT SOUNDS, WAS A PRISON MANNED BY SATAN. MAN WAS HELD AGAINST HIS WILL
 - (i) **Hebrews 2:14-15** Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the

power of death--that is, the devil-- ¹⁵and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

(d) At HIS DEATH and RESURRECTION Jesus took the KEYS of hades and Death

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- (ii) **Revelations 1:18** I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

8. THEIR CONTRASTING EXPERIENCE AFTER DEATH

- a. ²³In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So 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 received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony

I. THE WORLD OF THE DEPARTED UNSAVED SOUL. IT IS CALLED MANY THINGS - HELL IS THE BEST TRANSLATION.

- (1) **Psalms 9:17** The wicked return to the grave, all the nations that forget God.
- (2) **Matthew 11:23** And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Sodom, it would have remained to this day.
- (3) **Matthew 16:18** And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.
- (4) **Acts 2:27** because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.
- (5) **Acts 2:31** Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay.
- (6) **1 Corinthians 15:55** "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"
- (7) **Revelations 1:18** I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.
- (8) **Revelations 6:8** I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth.
- (9) **Revelations 20:11-15** Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. ¹⁴Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

II. LOOK AT HIS TORMENT

- (1) **Matthew 8:29** "What do you want with us, Son of God?" they shouted. "Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?"
- (2) **Luke 8:28** When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!"
- (3) **Revelations 14:10** he, too, will drink of the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. He will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the

holy angels and of the Lamb.

III. TEN SOURCES OF TORMENT TO THE LOST SOUL

- (1) REMORSE AND DESPAIR IN SEEING THE RIGHTEOUS AND GODLY WHO THEY HAVE DESPISED NOW CLOTHED IN GLORY, IMMORTALITY, ETERNAL LIFE, AND ALL THE GOODNESS OF GOD. [23]
- (2) A knowledge that the very evil that they knew has damned their souls and put them in torment [25]
- (3) Eternal desire for the good that would have freed from torment [25]
- (4) Memory of lost opportunities in life that could have caused them to be with the redeemed [25]
- (5) Regrets over deeds committed that can never be recalled [25]
- (6) No hope of escape from the eternal misery and punishment [26]
- (7) Eternal separation from love ones which they can see from where they are [23-26]
- (8) Regret over their bad example in life that has caused friends and loved ones to be damned [27-31]
- (9) A deep remorse for not listening to the Word of God and for not spending their time, talents, and money to propagate it, so that many others could escape torment [29-31]
- (10) And in the end - FIRE AND BRIMSTONE that will not end.

9. THE GULF BETWEEN THE TWO

- a. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'
- I. NO WAY TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE.
- II. A GREAT CHASM HAS BEEN FIXED
 - (1) WHO FIXED IT.
 - (2) WHY
 - (3) AT DEATH YOUR DESTINATION IS FIXED.

10. THE DECEPTION OF THE UNBELIEVER!

- a. ²⁷"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house,' ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'
- I. LISTEN TO THIS MAN
- II. NOW HE WILL DO ANYTHING TO KEEP HIS FIVE BROTHERS OUT OF HERE.
 - (1) FIVE = GRACE
 - (A) WHAT WILL KEEP THEM OUT?
 - (i) HE WHO BRINGS GRACE

11. THE WORD OF GOD, THE FINAL AUTHORITY AND LAST COURT OF APPEAL ON ETERNAL DESTINY

- a. ²⁹"Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' ³⁰"No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'
³¹"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be

convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

I. MAN ALWAYS HAS A DIFFERENT WAY.

II. BUT GOD GIVES THE ANSWER

(1) MAN IS REQUIRED TO BELIEVE AND OBEY THE BIBLE OR BE DAMNED.

(a) **Mark 16:16** Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

(b) **Romans 1:16** I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

(c) **Romans 2:12-16** All who sin apart from the law will also perish apart from the law, and all who sin under the law will be judged by the law. ¹³For it is not those who hear the law who are righteous in God's sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous. ¹⁴(Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law, ¹⁵since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.) ¹⁶This will take place on the day when God will judge men's secrets through Jesus Christ, as my gospel declares.

(2) IF THEY DO NOT BELIEVE THE LAW THEY WILL NOT BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD, THAT HE DIED, THAT HE WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD.

(3) **BELIEVE**