

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Lessons from the Grave.

Sermon Questions

1. Have you heard of "heaven-tourism" books? (Yes/No)
2. Why should we not trust these accounts of visiting heaven (list one reason):

3. The fact that Lazarus is named indicates that he is a recipient of grace. (Yes/No)
4. The place of the dead is called _____ in Greek and _____ in Hebrew.
5. This story emphasizes three things about the place of the dead:
 - i. A Place of _____ Experience
 - ii. A Place of _____ or Reversal
 - iii. A Place _____ and Final
6. Jesus is telling this story to rebuke the _____.
7. Jesus has two important applications for this story:
 - i. The _____ are sufficient for salvation.
Therefore, we must _____.
 - ii. _____ and faith are necessary for salvation.
Therefore, we must _____.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. In what ways do we benefit when we consider the final judgment and what happens after we die? Why are we so prone to forget this reality?
2. Why is there such a fascination with heaven-tourism books and with “experiences” in general? In what ways do these lead us away from the sufficient word?
3. Are you looking forward to life after death? Does our excitement (or lack of it) to be with Christ reflect the reversal seen in the story of the rich man and Lazarus?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

