

“Lessons After Death”

Luke 16:19-31

Introduction

- I. The account of the rich man and Lazarus is an incredible look into what happens once we die.
- II. From that account, let us examine some specific things that the living should consider before death.

Discussion

- I. The dead are not speaking to the living (Luke 16:29-31).
 - A. There is no need for the dead to speak because we have the Scriptures (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
 - B. The Old Law pointed out God's disdain for such attempt (Deut. 18:9-14).
- II. Man's existence does not end at death (Luke 16:22-31).
 - A. The rich man could see, feel, and remember.
 - B. The soul is immortal (Gen. 1:26-27; Zech. 12:1; Heb. 12:9; cf. James 2:26).
- III. There are no more opportunities for salvation once we die (Luke 16:26).
 - A. Judgment follows for the dead (Heb. 9:27).
 - B. Our current lives will determine our soul's abode (2 Cor. 5:10).
- IV. Trust in riches will gain us nothing spiritually (Luke 16:19-23).
 - A. Man should lay up heavenly treasure (Matt. 6:19-21).
 - B. Physical treasures are gone once we die (Luke 12:16-21; cf. 1 Tim. 6:17-19).

Conclusion

- I. While death may end physical life, we can learn that much still occurs once we die.
- II. Our preparations for death should be certain that our souls will be in Heaven.