

“THOUGHTS FROM BEYOND THE VEIL!”

Luke 16:19-31

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I believe there is a universal assumption that is present even in this auditorium now. That assumption is that we will all wake-up tomorrow...alive. Whether this is the result of optimism, good health, our counselors or just plain hope, very few of us are living as if we would die tomorrow. In one sense this is healthy. If we all lived as if tomorrow was the end, who would invest? Do laundry? Who would stay sane? A pre-occupation with death is unproductive and unhealthy; but before we dismiss the thought, let's ask a question..., “What would the dead have us understand?” In Luke 16, Scripture pulls back the veil and gives us a glimpse.

BACKGROUND

This was a message to the Pharisees

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But make no mistake, this is a **message** for **us**!

TWO UNGODLY ASSUMPTIONS OF THE LIVING

We are wrong when we assume that:

1. **Wealth** is a sign of God's favor.
2. **Trials** or **tribulations** are a sign of God's lack of **favor**.
3. **Tomorrow** all will continue just as **today**.

SHOCKING TRUTH FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE

- To be absent from the **body** is to be present **somewhere!**
- **Hell** is real and is a real **danger**.
- The rich man did not **question** God's justice.
- The dead **would** have us preach on **hell!**
- Spiritual **blindness** has no physical **cure**.
- God's **perscription** for evangelism contains one ingredient - **Scripture**. **Nothing** else produces spiritual **changes**.

NOTE OF INTEREST

- This message was preached during His travel through the land beyond the **Jordan**. The next event on Christ's calendar is John 11 where He raises a man from the dead...named **Lazarus!**

APPLICATION THOUGHTS

1. We **must** search our **hearts**.
2. Have I allowed **Scripture** to **transform** me?
3. Do I believe the **message** of Christ is **urgent**?
4. Do I think **method** or **Scripture** is more important? (Which do you tend to fight for?)
5. What would Christ have me do this **holiday season** (and beyond)?