

LESSONS THAT WE SHOULD LEARN:

1. Those who neglect opportunities in this life will have sure cause to remember their folly. V. 25
 1. "Son remember that thou in thy life time receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: But now:
 1. He is comforted,
 2. And thou art tormented."
 2. The remembrance of a wasted lifetime, in the midst of many "good things," will be, in the world to come. the undying worm of remorse.

2. Though saints and sinners may meet together now, the time is coming when they must be eternally separated. Verse 26
 1. When the "great gulf is fixed," earthly relationships will avail us exactly nothing.
 2. Both, "Saints and sinners" may "grow together until the harvest." "I will say to the reapers:
 1. "Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them..."
 2. But gather the wheat into my barn."
 3. All the prayers of the Papacy or of friends will never bridge this gulf, for it is FIXED
 1. "So that they which would pass from hence cannot;
 2. Neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence."

3. That the prayers of the lost can avail nothing, neither for themselves nor others. Verses, 24, 27, 28
 1. "Father Abraham, have mercy on me." Verse 24
 2. "'I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house.'" V. 27
WHAT DO YOU ASK FOR YOUR FATHER'S HOUSE?
 3. I want him to preach to my five brethren. What do you want him to say to your brethren.
 1. I want him to warn them out to come to this place. What is wrong with that place?
 2. It is a place of torment. "Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."
Luke 9:44, 46, 48

4. That those who will not hear and believe the Word of God will perish without remedy. Verses 29-31
1. This man wanted a sign...a miracle for his brothers. Abraham said,
 2. "They have Moses and the prophets. let them hear them." The rich man in torment reasoned:
 3. "Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent." Verses 29, 30 Abraham said:
 4. "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." Verse 31
5. Examples:
1. The Israelites saw the wonders of God before their very eyes, yet they murmured constantly against Him.
 2. Many saw the miracles of Christ, and yet they hated Him and sought opportunities to kill Him.
 3. Lazarus "rose from the dead," and they sought to kill him even. Kill Christ: "Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death. John 11:53
 4. John 12:10,11; "But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus to death also." Why put Lazarus to death? John 12:11; "Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus."

