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II. You Will Die. v. 19-22

- A. In Life the Rich Man and Lazarus Were Opposite. v. 19-21
- B. Death is the Great Equalizer. v. 22 Ecc. 3:20
- C. God has Appointed the Time of Your Death. Heb. 9:27a

III. When You Die, You will be Judged by God. v. 22-23

- A. You Will Not;
 - 1. Merely cease to exist.
 - 2. Be Reincarnated.
 - 3. Nor will all go to heaven.
- B. Judgement Will Not be Based Upon Outward Worldly Status. v. 23
 - 1. Riches are Not a Sign of God's Approval.
 - 2. Nor Does Poverty Guarantee a Place in Heaven.
- C. Why Does the Rich Man Wind Up in Flames?
 - 1. Apparently he was not a Notorious Sinner.
 - 2. Evidently he was Religious.
 - 3. He Valued the Things of this World More than He valued the Things of God.
 - 4. Our nation is full of people like this.
- D. Are You Ready for Judgement?
 - 1. You Will Die
 - 2. God will judge You according to His righteousness. Ps. 9:7-8

IV. God's Judgement Cannot Be Reversed. v. 23-26

- A. Hell is More Miserable that You Can Imagine. v. 23-24 Rev. 20:10,14-15 21:8 14:10
 - 1. Conscious torment. Totally separated from God's mercy.
 - 2. Everlasting. Matt. 25:46
 - 3. Is this punishment unfair?
 - 4. Denial of Hell Will not Help You to Escape.
- B. Heaven is More Wonderful that You Can Imagine. *death: God's saints: precious:.*
 - 1. Immediately: not soul sleep, but *Today you shall be w/me in paradise.*
 - 2. A place without pain, sorrow, loneliness, emptiness, disease or death.
 - 3. A place of joy, comfort and holiness in God's presence. I John 3:2 I Thess. 4:17
 - 4. A place of security - a paradise which cannot be lost.

- C. The Decision You Make in this Life is Final. v. 26 Prov. 11:7**
- 1. The Rich Man was in Hell Because of the Choice He Made.**
 - 2. You Will Get No Second Chance. v. 26**
 - 3. Nor Will You Suffer only Temporarily in Purgatory.**
 - 4. After death, there is an uncrossable chasm between the saved and the lost, between heaven and hell.**
- D. God offers Good news for you who are still alive! Jesus Has Suffered on the Cross to bridge the gap; so that people Might Escape Hell and Gain Heaven.**
- 1. He is the Bridge which Crosses the Chasm - but only if you cross in time.**
 - 2. Consider the Price He Paid to Purchase Us! II Co. 8:9**
 - 3. Cross from death to life while there is still time.**

V. If You Go to Hell, You Will be Without Excuse. v. 27-31

- A. Do You Claim that You Would Believe if God Provided More Proof? v. 27-28**
- 1. The Rich Man Claims that His Brothers Would Believe if Miraculously Warned.**
 - 2. Why is the Rich Man's Request Wrong?**
- B. God has Given You all the Proof You Need. v. 29 16:16 John 5:39,46-47**
- 1. The Scriptures Tell You Everything Necessary for Salvation. v. 29: climax**
 - 2. Lazarus had Embraced this Message.**
- C. Even if someone came back from the dead, you would not be convinced! v.30-31**
- 1. The Problem is not a Lack of Evidence, but Hardness of Heart. *Love World!***
 - 2. God has Raised Someone from the Dead! John 11:25-26a Rom. 4:24**
 - 3. God has not Sent you One from the Dead, He has Sent Me Here to Warn You.**
 - 4. If you are already a believer today. Proclaim message boldly!**