

Changes Death Will Bring

(Luke 16:19-31)

- Introduction:
1. Ills. Before the Internet, we had to be content with “wondering.”
 2. I’m thankful that the Bible is a book of answers.
 3. One of the questions Jesus answers for me is about life after death.
 4. Had Jesus not “pulled back the curtain” we’d still be in darkness today.
 5. In today’s lesson, I want to draw your attention to three changes that death will bring.

I. Arguments About Luke 16:19-31

- A. There is a great deal of talk about these 13 verses in Luke 16.
- B. Some disagree on whether or not these verses comprise a parable of Jesus.
 1. For example, materialists argue that man does not survive the grave, therefore these verses are just a parable.
 2. However, the content of parables were not about fictional events, but rather events that could really happen.
 3. Plus, Jesus used the name of “Lazarus” in these verses, which he did not do in any other parable.
- C. Some disagree on whether the righteous dead still go to Hades.
 1. F.G. Allen – “The Old Path Pulpit” – in this book, Allen argued that when Jesus died, the righteous saints no longer needed to remain in Hades.
 2. Guy N. Woods – “Where Are the Dead” – Woods argued against F.G. Allen’s position and affirmed the righteous dead are still in Hades.
- D. However, these questions are not the focus of this lesson.

II. Three Things that Change After Death

- A. We will have a new assessment of people.
 1. (Luke 16:19-23).
 2. A man’s life is not measured by wealth, but by faithfulness to God.
 3. (Psalm 73:3-19).
- B. We will have a new consideration for family.
 1. (Luke 16:27-28).
 2. We’ll want our loved ones to know what we are afraid and unwilling to tell them now.
- C. We will have a new appreciation for the word of God.
 1. (Luke 16:29-31).
 2. What the world ignores, holds with contempt, and scoffs at, will some day be of great value and desired more than anything.

- Conclusion:
1. Friends don’t wait until death to change the way you think about these things.
 2. Make those changes now so you don’t have to do so later, with regret.