

Now, Not Later

Luke 16.19-31

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Introduction

None of us knows when we will meet death, but God has been gracious to tell us now how to prepare for it. After death our destiny is sealed with no second chance; now is the time of repentance, today is the day of salvation... no one will pass over the Great Gulf between Heaven and Hell.

Now

Life of Self – vv19

- Rich clothing and food
- Luxury is not the problem per se
- Attitudes of the heart (faith) is key

Life of Faith – vv20-21

- Destitute beggar
- Able to ask for help
- True & sure help comes from the Lord

Later

Real Comfort – vv22a,25

- Death is inevitable
- After death, the justified are in definite comfort

Real Torment – vv22b-24

- Death is inevitable
- After death, the wicked are in conscious torment

Requests denied – vv25-31

- Improper and Impossible first request
- Unnecessary and Useless second request

Conclusion

What was the rich man's failure?

What was Lazarus' merit?

How do you need to prepare for the day of reckoning?

Who do you know that needs to be warned about the Bad Side of the Good News?

To What and Whom do you point them?