

God's Reality Show

Luke 16:19-31

As we look in our bibles in Luke 16 Jesus gives us a little bit of reality TV God style. He gives us a quick glimpse into eternity. He lets us see the good, the bad, and the ugly. The Bad and the Ugly is what we are going to talk about today. We could talk just about the good or just about heaven but I think that sometimes we talk so much about heaven and forget about hell and we lose reality on a part of eternity that is very real. This is the place that most of the people that have lived and will live will end up, in eternity.

I. The rich man _____ up

Notice two things about the agony of hell:

1. *He saw people in heaven*

Forget the fire and flame. One of the worst agonies of hell will be the ability of people in hell to see those who are in heaven.

2. *He could remember his life on earth*

Life is tough by itself, and sometimes people wish they could erase their memories like they erase a video tape. Everyone will have a crystal-clear memory. Hell will be a place of eternal remembrance and regret.

II. The rich man _____ out

1. *A cry of personal agony: " _____ ME!!!!"*

I believe the thirst that the rich man had was the same thirst everyone has in this life—it's a thirst for God. This thirst cannot be satisfied with anything the world has to offer. Only Jesus can satisfy this thirst. Jesus said, "If anyone thirsty, let him come to me and drink!" (John 7:37) This thirst for God only becomes more intense and agonizing in hell.

2. *A cry of concern for his family: " _____ THEM!!!!"*

Suddenly, the rich man in hell becomes a wannabe soul winner. He develops a missionary spirit. He expresses a concern for the lost people in his family. It's too bad he didn't have that same fear of hell before he died!