

## Sermon Notes – February 3, 2019

### The Unusual Parable (*Luke 16:19-31*)

Parable: “A simple story used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson; a succinct, didactic story.”

This parable was especially directed at a particular audience: “Now the Pharisees, WHO WERE LOVERS OF MONEY, were listening to all these things and were scoffing at Him (Jesus).”  
Luke 16:14.

- I. The Reversal of Fortune. (*Luke 16:19-28*)
  - A. A nameless rich man goes to Hell.
    1. From joyous splendor to agonizing torment.
    2. From a merciless outlook to begging for mercy.
    3. From a lack of concern for others to a zeal for others.
      - a. He knew who Lazarus was.
      - b. He became “evangelistic” towards his five brothers.
  - B. A named poor man goes to Heaven. (*Lazarus=he whom God has helped*)
    1. From a man’s gate to Heaven’s gate.
    2. From begging for crumbs to a heavenly feast.
    3. From agonizing pain to heavenly comfort.
  
- II. The Rejection of Scripture. (*Luke 16:29-31*)
  - A. The Scriptures are sufficient for Salvation.
    1. The gospel of Jesus Christ. (*Romans 1:16*)
    2. The power of Jesus Christ. (*I Corinthians 2:1-5*)
    3. The patience of Jesus Christ. (*Romans 2:4-8*)
      - a. “Unbelief is not from a lack of evidence but due to a stony heart.”
      - b. I Peter 1:3-13: “an inheritance reserved in heaven for you...”
  - B. The Scriptures take precedence over Signs. (*30-31*)
    1. To raise signs over Scripture is to lose confidence in the gospel.
      - a. “Miracles will not convince those whose hearts are morally blind and unrepentant.” - I. H. Marshall.
    2. To only listen to “practical advice” is to discount the gospel.
      - a. Repentance is needed for salvation, not wealth or prestige.
      - b. The fruit of repentance is a concern for the poor.
    3. To disregard the testaments (Old and New) is to play the fool.  
(*Luke 24:25-27*) (*Isaiah 53*) (*Acts 8:25-40*)