

A Case of Spiritual Blindness

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“[Money is] an article which may be used as a universal passport to everywhere except heaven and as a universal provider for everything except happiness.”

-Wall Street Journal (anonymous)

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(19) There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. (20) And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores,

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(21) who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

Psalm 34

(18) The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.

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(23) he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. (24) And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame."

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(25) But Abraham said, “Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.”

Psalm 9

(17) The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.

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Matthew 6:2,5,16

“Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.”

Ezekiel 34

(2) Thus says the Lord GOD: Ah, shepherds of Israel who have been feeding yourselves! Should not the shepherds feed the sheep? (3) You eat the fat, you clothe yourselves with the wool, you slaughter the fat ones, but you do not feed the sheep.

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(4) The weak you have not strengthened, the sick you have not healed, the injured you have not bound up, the strayed you have not brought back, the lost you have not sought...

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Because of the great chasm, Lazarus can't do
what the rich man refused to do.

The great chasm is a chilling reminder that there are a million ways you can choose to spend your tiny speck of a life, but only one of two ways to spend the eons of your infinite eternity.

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(27) And he said, “Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—(28) for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come in this place of torment.”

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(29) But Abraham said, “They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.

(30) And he said, “No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.”

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(31) He said to him, “If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.”

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“If a man cannot be humane with the Old Testament in his hand and Lazarus on his doorstep, nothing—neither a visitant from the other world nor a revelation of the horrors of Hell—will teach him otherwise.”

-William Tyndale

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Matthew 25

(40) And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me."

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