

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the dangers that confront those who are rich in worldly goods?
2. What are some of the dangers that confront a very poor person?
3. Why did Lazarus go to heaven? Why did the rich man go to hell?
4. Why is it so difficult for men to believe? [\[SoF:8\]](#)
5. How can we ensure that we do not overlook the needs of others both physically and spiritually?

SUMMARY:

The rich man lived in great luxury during his lifetime without regard to his fellow men. He failed to recognize that his life is a preparation for eternity and the necessity of serving God in this life.

Lazarus, a beggar, evidently unable to work because of sores, sat at the rich man's gate hoping to receive some of the crumbs from his table. Lazarus had only suffering, pain, and discouragement in his life.

The Lord in telling this parable is teaching that the way we live our life here determines our place in eternity and that after death there is no second chance. This emphasizes the urgency of surrendering our lives to God and living for Him while we have the opportunity.

NOTES:

[\[SoF:8\]](#) We believe that a saving faith results in regeneration by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, without which there is no salvation. [\[SoF:10\]](#) We believe that both the saved and the lost will be resurrected; the saved unto life eternal and the lost unto eternal damnation.

APOSTOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible Lesson #6

February 11, 2018

First Quarter

PREPARING FOR ETERNITY

LESSON TEXT: *Luke 16:19-31*

LESSON SETTING: In the vicinity of Jerusalem.

TIME: Approximately 33 A.D.

- I. A CONTRAST IN LIFE.** Luke 16:19-21
 - A. Warnings to the Rich. Mark 4:19; 1 Timothy 6:9-10, 17
 - B. Promises to the Poor. Isaiah 41:17; James 2:5
- II. A CONTRAST IN DEATH.** Luke 16:22
 - A. Death of Righteous. Psalm 116:15; Philippians 1:21; Revelation 14:13
 - B. Death of Sinner. [\[SoF:10\]](#) Proverbs 14:32; Luke 12:20
- III. A CONTRAST IN ETERNITY.** [\[SoF:10\]](#) Luke 16:23-31
 - A. Separation. Matthew 13:30; Luke 17:34; Revelation 22:14-15
 - B. Eternal Life. Matthew 25:46; Luke 20:36
 - C. Eternal Punishment. Matthew 22:13; 2 Thessalonians 1:9; Revelation 20:13-15

GOLDEN TEXT: IT IS APPOINTED UNTO MEN ONCE TO DIE, BUT AFTER THIS THE JUDGMENT.
Hebrews 9:27

NEXT SUNDAY'S LESSON: Luke 17:11-19

SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES: Leviticus 13:1 through 14:57
Psalm 103:1-22

QUARTERLY THEME: Christ, the Son of Man

TOPIC: SHOWING OUR GRATITUDE

INTRODUCTION:

How often are we just like the nine lepers who were healed? We forget to thank God. During our days of work we are under constant pressure and sometimes unforeseen circumstances develop which must be immediately dealt with. Do we instinctively turn to God and pray, "Dear Lord, help me with this situation, I do not know how to deal with it?" Or do we ask for strength, courage or mercy? When the pressure is lifted and we can go on again in our normal routine, do we take time to thank the Lord for answering our prayer? Do we fall down on our knees before Him, glorifying and praising Him? Do we forget until at the end of the day, we shamefacedly thank Him for His help? We are no different than the nine lepers. They did not hear Jesus say, "Arise, go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole," nor will we hear His precious voice speaking to us if we are not grateful.

We certainly must give our wonderful Lord all our thanks, honor, praise and glory for His blessed care and watchfulness over us. We cannot forget.

CENTRAL TRUTH: It is fitting to give thanks to God for His blessings to us.

GOLDEN TEXT: BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL, AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS.

Psalm 103:2

As a shepherd and later a warrior, the psalmist was not always able to fulfill all the ceremonies of the law, yet he was a man who pleased God. When God helped him in protecting his flocks and also in his battles for Israel, David's heart overflowed with joy and thanksgiving. When he glorified God it was a personal feeling of joy and gratitude, not just the cold formality of the law.

The Samaritan leper actually ignored the law when he returned to thank Jesus. He was so filled with wonder, praise and thanksgiving that he forgot the priests, but he did not forget to glorify God and to bow before His Son. He knew that he was healed, and he knew it was God's work. His heart could sing with the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits; Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." (Psalm 103:2-3)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF February 12 – 18

- M. *Showing our Gratitude. Luke 17:11-19
- T. Gratitude for Benefits. Psalm 103:1-12
- W. Gratitude for Forgiveness. Psalm 103:13-22
- T. Gratitude for Guidance. Psalm 107:1-14
- F. Gratitude for Deliverance. Psalm 107:15-22
- S. Gratitude for Rescue. Psalm 107:23-32
- S. Gratitude for Blessings. Psalm 107:33-43

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