

# Hades

## Dust To Dust Part IV

Text—Lk. 16: 19:31

### Introduction

- A. Read Luke 16—The Richman and Lazarus
  - 1. Some mistake this to be a parable
  - 2. An example that Jesus used to prove a point to Pharisees.
  - 3. In the first half of Lk. 16, Parable of Unjust Steward.
  
- B. Story is more than that; it is a destination from life on Earth.
  
- I. Luke 16; just a parable?
  - A. What is a parable?
    - 1. Easton's Bible Dictionary.  
**"an earthly story with a heavenly meaning," as in the parables of our Lord. Instruction by parables has been in use from the earliest times. A large portion of our Lord's public teaching consisted of parables.**
  
    - 2. Vine's Dictionary...  
**According to Vine's, parable contains the literal meaning 'to lay down beside, and in the sense of spoken discourse, it indicates some idea laid beside another as an analogy or comparison.**  
  
**Since this story has no analogy or comparison aspect, it is simple narrative and NOT a parable.**
  
    - 3. "Why speakest thou to them in parables?"
      - a. Matt. 13: 10-16 (**READ**)  
**"10 And the disciples came and said to Him, 'Why do You speak to them in parables?' 11 He answered and said to them, 'Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. 12 For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. 14 And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; 15 For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, And their eyes they have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.' 16 'But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear;'"**
  
      - b. Mark 4: 11, 12 (REF.)
      - c. Luke 8: 9, 10 (REF.)

B. Let's Assume Hades isn't real, and then the following problems exist...

1. Death brings us straight to judgment and onto Afterlife.

a. John 5: 28-29

**“28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth--those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.”**

—How can they come forth to judgment without Hades? This verse would be invalid.

b. People say, “She’s looking down on us right now.”

c. Wars, Death, Rage, etc on the Earth

d. The Dead know nothing—Eccl. 9: 4-6

**“4 But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten. 6 Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun.”**

2. Some in Heaven or Hell before others?

a. All shall hear—Jn 5: 28-29

b. All before Jesus—2 Cor. 5: 10

**10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”**

C. But Hades is Real! (Some scriptures to support that its real)

2. Old Testament—Sheol, Hebrew word for Land of Dead

a. David’s song—2 Sam. 22: 1-7

**“5 "When the waves of death surrounded me, The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. 6 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; The snares of death confronted me. 7 In my distress I called upon the Lord, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry entered His ears.**

b. A Psalm of David—Ps. 16: 9-11

**“9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. 10 For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 11 You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”**

c. Jonah’s Prayer, great fish—Jonah 2

3. New Testament—Hades

a. Jesus—Matt. 11: 20-24 (23-34) Rebuke the cities, no repentance.

**“23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”**

b. Paul—1 Cor. 15: 50-55,

**“50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed-- 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"**

## II. Entering the Gates of Hades

### A. Jesus knows that Hades is Real.

#### 1. Talked of Life after Death—Lk. 16: 19-31

##### a. Chart

- b. Rich man—had no lack of anything
- c. Lazarus—beggar, had nothing
- d. Both died—Lazarus to Paradise, Rich Man to Torment
- e. Recognizable immortal bodies
- f. Emotions
- g. Memory of Earth life
- h. Ability to communicate

#### 2. Mentioned Hades in regards to the church—Matt. 16: 13-19

- a. Hades will not stand in the way
- b. When Jesus is raised, hope for further life beyond Hades.

#### 3. Thief on Cross

- a. Lk. 23: 40-43

**“40 But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."**

- b. Was the thief taken straight to Heaven?
- c. Jesus wasn't neither wasn't the thief.
- d. He spent time in Hades before he was raised.

### B. Holy Spirit knows that Hades is Real.

#### 1. Peter supports Jesus' teaching

- a. Day of Pentecost—Acts. 2: 22-32 (24-27)

**“24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.'”**

b. Place for Misguided Angels—2 Pet. 2: 4, 9

**4 For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment... 9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment**

2. Paul supports Jesus' teaching

a. Abolished Death—2 Tim. 1: 10

b. Became first fruits of them who dies—1 Cor. 15: 20

c. First begotten from the Dead—Col. 1: 18

C. Hope Beyond Hades

1. Paul discusses Christ' resurrection—1 Cor. 15: 3-8

2. Without confidence, no faith—1 Cor. 15: 12-20

3. No fear of Death—Heb. 2: 14-16

**“14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.”**

4. Judgment Scene—Matt. 25: 31ff

5. Jesus has the keys—Rev. 1: 18

**“18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”**

## Conclusion

What happens to Hades and Death in the end?

Rev. 20: 13-14

**13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.**

**On Which side of the Lazarus/Richman gulf will you reside?**