

Sermon Outlines

Two Men Who Came To Their Senses

Reading

Luke 15:11

Luke 16:19

Introduction

- 1) The division of the gatherings:
 - a) Those who are saved and know it with assurance
 - b) Those who are not saved and know it with assurance
 - c) Those who may be saved but not really sure about salvation
 - d) Those who are not saved but can bluff their way by giving the correct answers.
- 2) The question:
 - a) The setting:
 - i) Man standing before God, the Great White Throne
 - ii) Man standing, alone, naked, all their past life exposed, every secret sin, and opportunity for salvation
 - b) The question:
 - i) Give me one reason why I should let you into heaven?
 - ii) Its seriousness, Heaven or Hell for eternity, glory or gloom, turn or burn.

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Two parables of two men:

- a) Who had everything their hearts could desire.
 - i) The young man had all the possessions that would come to him.
 - ii) The rich man had a magnificent home, excellent food and very comfortable.
- b) Had little thought of others.
 - i) Caring little about the sorrow of the Father's heart in seeing his son leave, not knowing when he would ever see him again.
 - ii) Had no concern for the beggar who was pathetically laid at the gate of his house.
- c) Lived for themselves.
 - i) The young man had the "me attitude", "Give me the portion of goods which falleth to me"
 - ii) The rich man, lived sumptuously every day, enjoying fine food and clothing.
- d) Both hit a crisis point, one in life and the other in death.
 - i) The young man spent all he had living the good life until he found the lowest job, feeding the pigs, then when completely defeated, finding no one caring for him, he came to himself.
 1. He came to the father a broken bankrupt man.
 2. He came while he was alive.
 - b) The rich man died, and all he had was gone.
- e) One was able to change their destiny, the other could never change his destiny.
 - i) The young man made several decisions:
 1. What he thought, I will arise, I will go, I will say
 2. What he did, And he arose, this was the crucial point
 - ii) The rich man was in Hell
 1. There was no returning, he was eternally in a place of:
 - (a) Blackness of darkness

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- (b) No hope, eternal separation
- f) One spoke in contrition, the other wept in grief and torments.
 - i) When the young man came back to his father, he spoke, no crying.
 - 1. Lost fellowship was being restored
 - ii) The rich man cried being in torments.
 - 1. This was not just giving a sudden expression of grief, this was a cry for help knowing help would never come.
 - 2. When the Titanic sank a survivor said that as people leapt or fell overboard, they cried in desperation for help, unspeakable panic filled their screaming cries, and then the cries began to grow less until in the darkness of the hour there was silence. The water was calm again, and the only sound was that of the oars as they sliced through the black waters. That night in those few minutes in the water they cried because they knew no help would ever come
 - 3. What must the terrified overwhelming sense of terror be when an individual dies in their sins and in a split second of time realize they are doomed forever?

The Choice

It is an “either” or “or” situation

- a) Either come to the crisis point in time or eternity
- b) Either come to the Saviour in life or find Him rejecting in eternity
- c) Either speak to God and accept His Son’s salvation or be forsaken by God for eternity

**May God grant us good understanding as He, by His Holy Spirit, deigns to guide us into all truth.
John 16:13**

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