

LESSON 63

1. Why did the disciples rebuke the people for bringing their children to Jesus?

-The disciples thought that Jesus did not want to be bothered by children.

2. Does Jesus love all children?

-Yes.

3. Do children also need to be saved from the power of sin, death, and Satan?

-Yes.

4. What did Jesus mean that anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it?

-Jesus meant that if we do not believe in God with the faith of a child, then we will never be saved.

5. What is the faith of a child like?

-The faith of a child is totally complete.

-The faith of a child is with all of his heart.

6. What was the question the rich young man asked Jesus?

-“What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

7. What did Jesus reply?

-“Why do you call me good?” “No one is good--except God alone.”

8. Was Jesus denying that He was good?

-No.

9. Was Jesus denying that He was God?

-No.

10. Then why did Jesus say what He said?

-Jesus wanted the rich young man to understand that because people are born into sin, they are not good.

-Jesus also wanted the rich young man to understand that because God alone is without sin, only God is good.

11. How did the rich young man think that he was able to earn eternal life?

-By doing good works.

12. What did the rich young man not understand?

-The rich young man did not understand that the good works which we do on the outside do not change our evil hearts which are on the inside.

13. Why did the rich young man go away sad?

-Because he was not willing to give all of his great wealth away.

-Because he was not willing for Jesus to change his evil heart.

14. Who is the only One who can save us from our evil hearts?

-Jesus Christ.

-Because Jesus knows the hearts of all people, He taught the people about greed.

Let's read Luke 12:15

15-Then Jesus said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

-Why are people greedy?

-Because they are born into sin.

-Because they want what they do not have.

-Many people want possessions more than anything else in the world.

-Many people want possessions even more than God.

-Many people see the possessions of other people, and want them for themselves.

-Many people think that they would be happy if they had many possessions and were rich.

-If a man had all the riches in the world, would the riches help him if he went to the Lake of Eternal Fire?

-No.

-Should our lives consist of an abundance of possessions?

-No.

-Can possessions save us from sin, death, and Satan?

-No.

-To help the people understand, Jesus told them a parable.

Let's read Luke 12:16-19

16-And Jesus told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop.

17-He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18-“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

19-And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.””

-Jesus told the parable of a rich farmer.

-One year, the rich farmer’s ground produced such a good crop that he did not have enough space to store all of the crop.

-What then did the rich farmer think he would do?

-The rich farmer thought that he would build bigger barns, store all of his grain there, and then do nothing for the rest of his life.

-Because the rich farmer had great wealth, he thought that he had no problems.

-Because the rich farmer had great wealth, he thought that he had everything.

-Because the rich farmer had great wealth, he thought that he would forget about God, and live according to his own way.

-Although the rich farmer forgot about God, did God forget about him?

-No.

-What then did Jesus say happened to the rich farmer?

Let's read Luke 12:20

20-“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’”

-What happened to the rich farmer?

-God called him to die.

-Who decided the day the rich farmer died?

-God alone.

-Who decides the day when all people die?

-God alone.

-What happened to the great wealth of the rich farmer?

-It was left for someone else.

-Why did God call the rich farmer a fool?

-Because the rich farmer thought that he would forget about God, and live according to his own way.

-Did the rich farmer's great wealth save him?

-No.

-Did the rich farmer have everything?

-No.

-Even though the rich farmer had great wealth, what did he not have?

-Eternal life.

-What did Jesus then say after he had finished telling the parable?

Let's read Luke 12:21

21-Jesus said, "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

-Jesus said that if we store up many things for ourselves, but are not rich toward God, then we will meet eternal death.

-What is of far more value than great wealth?

-Believing in God and having eternal life.

-Then, Jesus told a story.

Let's read Luke 16:19-21

19-“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day.

20-At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores

21-and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.”

-How do we know that the story of the rich man and Lazarus is a true story?

-Because these two men actually lived on earth.

-Who were the two men in the story?

-One was a rich man and one was a poor man.

-What was the name of the poor man?

-Lazarus.

-This was not the Lazarus whom Jesus had raised from the dead.

-Of the two men, who was more blessed?

-Was the rich man more blessed because he had fine clothes and all the food he was able to eat?

-Was Lazarus who was sick and had no food more blessed?

-Perhaps you would say the rich man, but the story is not yet ended.

-Listen to what Jesus said happened to these two men:

Let's read Luke 16:22

22-“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried.”

-What happened when the poor man, Lazarus, died?

-The angels carried him to be with God and Abraham in heaven.

-What happened to the rich man?

-He also died.

-Did the rich man's wealth keep him from dying?

-No.

-Where did the rich man go after he died?

Let's read Luke 16:23

23-“In hell, where he was in torment, the rich man looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side.”

-Where did the rich man go after he died?

-To hell, the place of fire and punishment.

-When a person dies, to where does his spirit go?

-Either straight to be with God in heaven or straight to hell, the place of fire and punishment.

-When a person dies, some people say that his spirit wanders on earth.

-This is a lie from Satan.

-When a person dies, some people say that his spirit goes to a waiting place between earth and heaven.

-This is also a lie from Satan.

-Is there a waiting place between earth and heaven?

-No.

-Some people say that they have heard the voice of a dead ancestor or a message from someone who has died.

-This is also a lie from Satan.

-The voices or messages that people hear are only from Satan and his demons.

-When a person dies, his spirit goes either straight to be with God in heaven or straight to hell.

-Lazarus died and his spirit went straight to be with God in heaven.

-The rich man died and his spirit went straight to hell, the place of fire and punishment.

-The rich man then spoke to Abraham.

Let's read Luke 16:24

24-“So the rich man called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’”

-Firstly, what did the rich man ask Abraham?

-He asked Abraham to send Lazarus to come and dip the tip of his finger into water to cool his tongue.

-Why?

-Because the rich man was suffering greatly in the fire.

-For all those who refuse to believe in God, where will they go when they die?

-To hell, the place of fire and punishment.

-God hates sin, and punishes all sin with death.

-What did Abraham reply?

Let's read Luke 16:25

25-“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.’”

-What did Abraham reply?

-Abraham said that while the rich man lived on earth he was comfortable, but now he must suffer.

-Abraham also said that while Lazarus lived on earth he suffered, but now he was comfortable.

-Did Lazarus go to heaven because he was poor?

-No.

-Why did Lazarus go to heaven?

-Because Lazarus believed in God.

-Lazarus knew that he had been born into sin.

-Lazarus knew that God punishes all sin with death.

-Lazarus believed that God would send the Savior to save him.

-For all those who believe in God, where will they go when they die?

-To be with God in heaven.

-Did the rich man go to hell because he was rich?

-No.

-Why did the rich man go to hell?

-Because the rich man refused to believe in God.

-The rich man did not believe that he was born into sin.

-The rich man did not believe that God punishes all sin with death.

-The rich man did not believe that he needed a Savior.

-The rich man only lived for his great wealth.

-What else did Abraham say to the rich man?

Let's read Luke 16:26

26-“Abraham said, ‘And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’”

-Abraham said that because there was a great chasm between heaven and hell, no one was able to cross over.

-Will anyone who enters the place of punishment be able to leave?

-No.

-When a person dies and enters the place of punishment, there is no way of escape.

-When a person dies and enters the place of punishment, he is there forever and ever.

-If you refuse to listen to the Word of God, you will go to the place of punishment.

-If you refuse to listen to the Word of God, you will be in the place of punishment forever and ever.

-Then the rich man asked Abraham another question.

Let's read Luke 16:27-28

27-"The rich man answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house,

28-for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'"

-Secondly, what did the rich man ask Abraham?

-The rich man wanted Lazarus to speak to his brothers so that they would not have to suffer in the place of fire and punishment.

-Even though the rich man was suffering greatly, he still remembered his brothers.

-In hell, did the rich man ask for food or blankets?

-No.

-In hell, did the rich man ask for the blood of chickens or goats?

-No.

-Satan and his demons have deceived many people.

-Many people think that dead people want food or blankets or the blood of chickens or goats.

-That is a lie of Satan.

-The rich man wanted Lazarus to speak to his brothers so that they would not have to suffer in the place of fire and punishment.

-What did Abraham reply to the rich man?

Let's read Luke 16:29

29-“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’”

-Abraham told the rich man that his brothers had Moses and the Prophets, and that they must listen to Moses and the Prophets.

-What did Abraham mean when he said that the rich man’s brothers had Moses and the Prophets?

-Abraham meant that the rich man’s brothers had the Word of God which was written through Moses and the Prophets.

-What was Abraham telling the rich man what his brothers must do?

-That they must read and listen to the Word of God in God’s Bible.

-If we listen to the Word of God and believe it, then we will not have to go to the place of punishment.

-What did the rich man then reply?

Let's read Luke 16:30

30-“No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’”

-The rich man said that if someone from the dead would return to warn his brothers, then they would repent.

-What did Abraham then reply?

Let's read Luke 16:31

31-“Abraham said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

-What did Abraham say to the rich man?

-Abraham said that if the brothers would not listen to the Word of God, then even if someone would rise from the dead, they still would not believe.

-If we will not listen to and believe the Word of God, is there anything else that can save us?

-No.