

## INSANITY OF THE UNBELIEVER

### Luke 16:19-31

**Introduction:** "What goes around, comes around." "Some day, I'll get even." "Turn the other cheek." "There's no justice in this world." Sayings such as these are often heard from those who have been mistreated, abused, taken advantage of and even injured by someone who is uncaring, evil, or just ignorant. The bible speaks of "judgment day" for all. The believer will stand before God and receive his/her reward for what he/she did with his/her life after believing in Jesus. The unbeliever will stand before God and receive punishment for not believing in Jesus and what he/she did with his/her life. There is a great difference between the two judgments although both are for all eternity. Jesus gave an example in the parable of the rich man and the beggar Lazarus. For a person to not give consideration to living all eternity in pain, torment and horrors beyond human description is just insane.

### I. THE DESTINY OF THE UNBELIEVER

1. The unbeliever's judgment is certain.
  - No one will escape standing before God in judgment of his/her life on this earth.
  - Each person will stand all alone before God.
2. Death seals the unbeliever's fate.
  - There is no help, no salvation, no more opportunity, not another chance.
  - Life on earth is where all opportunity to believe is. "Now is the time to believe."
3. What awaits the unbeliever at death.
  - Hell fire, separation from God, torment, pain.
  - Association with the world's vilest of vile, darkness, unable to change anything.
  - Memories, unable to die, sinking and tumbling forever and ever.
4. The utter hopelessness of the unbeliever.
  - There is no chance or any way to change anything.
  - God will not hear any cry for help.
5. The last place of the unbeliever.
  - A garbage receptacle, constant fire, maggots, worms, burning flesh.
  - Where Satan, all the fallen angels, the anti-Christ, the false prophet will be cast.
  - All whose names are not written in the Lambs Book of Life will be there.
  - A place of torment of unspeakable degree.
6. The eternal place of suffering of the unbeliever.
  - It will be forever, all eternity, ceaseless, no end, everlasting.
7. The finality of the state of the unbeliever.
  - Immediately upon death, cast into hell fire torment.
  - Given a body at the resurrection and then into a lake of fire.
  - Forgiveness, salvation is limited to one's life on this earth, no more opportunity.

## **II. A HORRIBLE DESTINY, YET GOD IS JUST**

1. The throne and character of God will be vindicated.
  - What can be too severe a judgment upon those who have rejected God's Son, Jesus?
  - As great as God's love and grace is, His judgment is equally as great.
2. The greater part of mankind is insane and foolish.
  - What can be worth more than heaven and God's blessings?
  - Can pleasure, advancement, wealth, attainments be more important than what God offers?
  - It is insane and madness to reject God for this world and what it offers.
3. Every unbeliever should tremble.
  - Every unbeliever is damned at this very moment to hell fire where millions have already gone.
  - One can't blame God for salvation can be had right now.
4. Every professing believer, Christian, should examine him/herself diligently.
  - Do not play Christian. No one can afford to.
  - God sees what others don't. Whether real or false, God knows.
  - Ask God to search you, to try you, to know you.
5. Every believer who is sure of his/her faith ought to praise God with a loud voice.
  - Think of it! Deserving God's full wrath, but spared because of belief in God's Son, Jesus.
  - Once was lost as all unbelievers, but now saved, all by God's own doings.
6. God's people should be stirred to a deeper sense of their duty.
  - What about lost family members? What about lost friends?
  - Where is the concern, the care for the unbelieving family and friends?
7. Escaping hell and it's lake of fire should be the occasion of the most profound praise to God.
  - What can possible cause a believer to ever be away from God?
  - What will be escaped? What will the believer see? What will the believer be a part of?

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. There are no sufficient words to describe the horrors of hell.
2. Every human being is damned to spend eternity in hell.
3. God offers escape (salvation) from hell through His Son, Jesus Christ.
4. While living one's life on this earth, one has the opportunity to be saved, "now is the time."
5. Once this earthly life ends, hell is immediately entered into UNLESS one has believed in God's Son, Jesus Christ.
6. What about YOU? If you were to die this very moment, where would you go?