

SERIES: THE POWER OF GENEROUS MESSAGE: THE POWER OF GENEROUS

Luke 21:19, 36 NKJV **19 By your patience possess your souls. (ENDURE)**

36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man." **(ESCAPE)**

LAST BREATHE ON EARTH, IS OUR LAST CHANCE FOR ETERNITY

Bible speaks of Hell 166x...

If we Don't Believe in HELL, then we can't believe

in HEAVEN

Message from a RICH Man... In Hell

the SAME BIBLE teaches

BOTH

Luke 16:19-31 NLT **19** "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and **l**ived sumptuously every day. **20** But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, **21** desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. **22** So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. **23** And being in **torments** in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. **24** "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am **tormented** in this flame.' **25** But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are **tormented**.' **26** And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' **27** "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, **28** for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of **torment**.' **29** Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' **30** And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' **31** But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.' "

1. THE PUNISHMENT OF GREED "send Lazarus that He might just Dip the Tip of His Finger"

CHARACTERISTICS OF HELL:

Absolute Darkness ... Matt 22:13 **13** Then the king said to his aides, 'Bind his hands and feet and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

1 John 1:5 "GOD is LIGHT!"

Excruating Heat... Rev 21:8 "But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars--their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

Mark 9:44 "where the worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched." (BIBLE says, **Place of Fire** 32x, 19 were Jesus)

Unsatisfied Desires W/ NO REST Rev 9:2 (reference)

Rev 14:11 "The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night, for they have worshiped the beast and his statue and have accepted the mark of his name."

Luke 16:24 **24** "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.'

Only REGRET - Knowing ALL I had to Do Was **RECEIVE SALVATION & FOLLOW JESUS**

Matthew 25:41 **41** "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire **prepared for the devil and his demons**

Jesus Did NOT prepare Hell for you, (**Isaiah 5** "hell had to be enlarged")

BUT JESUS PREPARED HEAVEN for YOU

2. THE POWER OF GENEROUS--- the World

John 3:16 *FOR GOD so Loved*

John 14:2-3 "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. ²There is more than enough room in my Father's home. ... I am going to prepare a place for you? ³When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵"No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

HE ENDURED.... SO THAT WE COULD ESCAPE!

JESUS' GENEROUSITY PAID FOR OUR GREED