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# Warning!

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The story I read to you tonight, the scripture that I read to you tonight, if you got a red-letter edition in your Bible you know that was Jesus that was doing the talking. It was Jesus Christ, the Creator of heaven and earth. He was the one that was making the statements and talking about this event that had taken place. It wasn't some preacher, some pastor, or some theologian. It was the God of heaven that was speaking about life and about death and about the hereafter. Since He knows about life—He is life—

and He has been here before and He knows about the hereafter; do you know what we can do? We can count on what He says. We had better believe what He has to say, because what He has to say is truth.

A lot of things that people say today; there is no truth to them. A lot of things that people will say is that there is no afterlife, there is no heaven or hell, there is no place of eternal lake of fire. People will try to convince people. You know, even in our religious world today, even among Baptist people today, we have a lot of people who believe that there is no lake of fire.

I have read this many years ago. Whether it is true or not, I don't know. However, fifty percent of the preachers that were coming out of the Baptist seminaries did not believe that Jesus Christ was ever coming back to planet earth. Do you know what they need to do? They need to close that place down. Jesus Christ is coming back.

What I want to talk about is this. Do you remember on the day that Jesus Christ died? If you will open your Bibles to Luke's gospel, chapter 23, verse 43; you will find that Jesus and in verse prior to that, Jesus has been having some conversations and there were some thieves there. He was on the cross. There was a thief on either side of Him. They were saying all kinds to Him and about Him and all kinds of different stuff. One of the guys made the statement, hey, you know, talking to the other thief said we are getting what is coming to us. We are going to be crucified. They are going to kill us and we are going to get what is coming to us. He looks at Jesus, and said, this guy hasn't done anything wrong. He hasn't done anything wrong. He makes this statement. He says, will you remember me—the thief does to Jesus—will you remember when you come into thy kingdom? Do you remember that story? Do you remember that. That was on the day that Jesus died. Jesus' response to the thief was this. "Today, thou shall be with me in paradise." Do you get that?

We use the word hell. We use the word sort of like a catch-all term. The word hell, or hades is the place where the departed dead go. Saved and unsaved alike; that is where they go. They go to a place called hades or hell. I am going to prove that to you. This is where they go. Jesus said to the people on the cross; "Today, thou shall be with me in paradise." Does everybody get that? Not only that but also, when you read the Bible, you will find out in Acts 2, when you look at what is being said, when you read Psalms 16, you will find out if you read your Bible—do you know what I want to do?

**Acts 2:25** For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

**Acts 2:26** Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

**Acts 2:27** Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

**Acts 2:28** Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy

with thy countenance.

**Acts 2:29** Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

**Acts 2:30** Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

**Acts 2:31** He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

**Acts 2:32** This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

Did everybody read that? Does everybody believe that? Now I know when we read words like that, we have a hard time understanding that sometimes. Because of the word and the definition of hell, or hades. We always think about hell as being a place of torment and it is. However, also, in this realm of the dead—and that is really what hell, or hades is—it is the realm of the dead. It is where dead people, when people have died, that is where we go. We go to one of two places. We either go to paradise—and we are going to talk about that here in just a moment—or we go to a place called torments—and we are going to talk about that in a minute. That is scripture.

Do you know what Jesus did? Between the time that Jesus died, and Jesus arose; do you know where He went? He went here. The Bible says that. The Bible says that He went here. If you read the book of Peter, do you know what you will find out? He went here to the spirits; do you know what He did? He preached unto them. He made a proclamation unto them, unto these that were here, to those that were disobedient in the times of Noah. If you read your Bible, you will find out He goes there and makes a proclamation that He is the Messiah, that He is the Son of God. He is the one that God said He was going to send who was going to be the Savior of the world. He is Him. He made this proclamation—nobody gets saved, when He does that—but He lets everybody know; hey, you are here for a reason. I am the one that God promised was going to come.

Here is what I want to talk about.

If the rapture does not come and take us out of here, and death finds us all; we are either going to go one of two places. We are either going to paradise, or we are going to torments. I want you to understand something. This is not the end. Either place here that we go to is not where we are going to spend eternity at. Does everybody get that? This is not your final resting place; paradise, or torments. When you go there, if you go to paradise or you go to torments; there is no going back and forth. Because between these two places, the Bible says there is a great gulf fixed. Does everybody get that? Everybody understand it? Jesus went here. He was there. We know that between the time He died, and His resurrection; He was there. The Bible tells us He was there. We know that He did not see corruption. We know the Bible says that. We know that it was not possible that He could—break any of His bones. We know that wasn't going to happen because God said it wasn't.

Here is what I want you to get.

As we look at this story tonight, the folks that He is speaking to; He wants us to know that things matter. We read about two individuals. One wealthy and one not so wealthy. There was a great difference in their life. Not only was there a difference in their life how that they lived, but there was a difference in their life in how they died. There are totally two different things here folks that I want you to see. You are not going to go to heaven or paradise because you are a good person. You are not going to go here because you paid all your bills and you never wronged anybody. You have been a good neighbor. You worked hard all of your life and took care of your family. You are not going to go here because you have done that. You are not going to go over here to a place of torment because necessarily, you have done a bunch of bad stuff. Get that. The reason you are going to go here is because you have received Jesus Christ as your Savior. The reason you are going to go here is because you have not received Jesus Christ as your Savior. Nothing in between. Nothing else at all. All the stuff you may do, all the good works you may do, all the labor that we may do here that we love to do all kinds of stuff. Good works is great because that shows the world that there is a god in heaven. Good works are great. I love to do them. Don't you? Because they bring glory to God. All the good works we do will never take me to paradise. I do good works and we do good works because we are saved; not to make us saved.

This place is a place of torments. The place of torment is a place of fire. I read it to you.

**Luke 16:19** There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

Do you know what that means? There was. Does everybody get that. That is pretty simple to understand. There was. When Jesus' uses the word there was, then that means there was. True story is what I am trying to say. True story. There was a certain rich man, clothed in purple and fine linen He fared sumptuous every day. As I read this story, I read something and I looked at some words that I had never looked at before. The word sumptuously is a word that when it is describing this rich man I never knew before. It is describing this rich and how he lived. He was a fellow that was very rich. No doubt He had all kinds of stuff, He the latest clothes, the latest fashion. He lived in a way that he took his material and wanted to prove how much wealth that he had. What that means is he was a fellow that was always wanted to show you what he had. He always wanted to brag about what he had. He was always a person that wanted to show off what he had. The material stuff that he had; if you had something just exactly like it; it wasn't as good as his. He lived sumptuously. He was a fellow that bragged, boasted, and showed off what he had. The Bible says this.

**Luke 16:20** And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

The Bible says, desiring to fed from the crumbs of the rich man's table—and the Bible also says moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

Something stuck me today. I was up to Huntington working and we were taking out some trash, out of a building. Just some trash and garbage that wasn't worth anything. I was going toward the dumpster with it. A guy in a wheelchair said, hey buddy, hey buddy; he says, is there any food in the bags you have. Do you know what? That stuck home with me. That went down and stuck on the inside of me. You know, not everybody has all that they need to eat. Not everybody is blessed as everyone else is. Do you know what this guy wanted? All he wanted were the scraps that may have been in that bag that I was going to throw away. Of course, there wasn't no food in there and we did some other stuff. Here is the thing.

This guy laying at this guy's gate, all he wanted was the scraps that this rich man was going to throw away. He wasn't asking for a handout. He wasn't asking for money. He wasn't standing on the street corner saying, I'll work for food. He was somebody that all he wanted, whether they laid him there—I don't know how he got there—but he was here every day, and all he wanted were the scraps that this guy was throwing away. That is all he wanted. That is all he was asking for. He wasn't making a scene. He wasn't making a show. He just wanted something to eat. That is all he wanted. He wanted the scraps that this guy was going to throw away.

I read something one time, somewhere that what we throw away in America, how many hundreds of thousands of people it would feed every day of what we actually throw in the trash. It was an amazing number. What we just throw away that would feed so many hundreds of thousands of people.

**Luke 16:21** And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.

He had ulcers. I don't know what for. I don't know what his issues were. I don't what made him sick but the dogs came and licked his sores. Get that. These guys lived on different levels in life; one rich, one poor; one healthy, one not healthy. However, things were about to change.

In life today, things may be going great today. However, they may not be going so great tomorrow. Before you get home tonight, your whole life could change. Do you know what? We may never make it home tonight. A few times, over the last 40 years; there have been people that left church that did not make it home. That has happened. That will continue to happen. God is going to call, and when God calls, we are going to answer. The next one God calls may be me or it may be you.

They lived on different realms. They lived on different levels.

**Luke 16:22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

I don't know how long the guy laid there. I don't know how long he had been there. I don't know any of those things. However, it came to pass—the Bible says the beggar died. This guy that had laid at the rich man's gate, desiring to be fed of the crumbs from the rich man's table. He died. The Bible says, he died and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. Do you know what Abraham's bosom is? Paradise. A place of rest. A place of peace. A place of comfort. A place of bliss like we have never understood and never experienced here. A place of total rest. A place to be free from sickness, death, sorrow, hurting, and harm and all kinds of stuff. This is where he went. This guy that laid at the gate, this guy that did not have any money—get this, this is something else I never thought about until today—not only were these guys different in how they lived; one rich and one poor, but the Bible tells us here that Jesus names one of them. One of them is named Lazarus. The other one He did not give a name. Do you know why? I think. Because one of them was honoring Him. One of them was honoring the God of heaven.

Listen. Get this. If you are living a life tonight that is pleasing to God; God know who you are. God knows your name. I know we are going to get a stone, one of these days, a white stone that is going to have a new name in it. I understand that. However, while we are here on planet earth, God knows who we are.

Lazarus' name means God is my helper. God knew exactly who Lazarus was. He knew Lazarus had been honoring Him. He also knew—he did not know the rich man. He did not know who he was. He did not give him a name. Do you know why? Because he had not been honoring Him.

I'm asking you a question tonight. Does God know your name? Are you honoring Him with your life and how that you are living, in everyday life? Are you honoring God? Or, are we bragging about what we have, like the rich man did? Bragging about what we have. We want to show off what we have.

Listen. I promise you something. I don't care how much money you have, how much gold you have in the bank. Gold is 1,200 and some dollars an ounce right now. It is going up. Silver is 500 or 600 bucks an ounce right now. It is going up. I'm going to tell you something. One of these days, all that stuff isn't going to mean one thing to you. When you are about to slip out of this world, I don't care if you have tons of it, it is not going to do you one bit of good. It is going to be gone. Do you know what it is going to do? the Bible tells that it all is going to rust away one of these days. It all is going to pass away.

The Bible says, one rich and one poor. One was known by God and one wasn't known by God.

**Luke 16:22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

Do you know what happens? As soon as he died, the God of heaven dispatches some pallbearer and they come and get him and usher him away. They take him to here, to

paradise. They bring him here. A place of rest. A place of comfort. A place that is free from sin. A place that he is waiting upon the time of the first resurrection.

I know when we read about some theologians, and people preach that this is empty today, but it doesn't make any sense to me that it could be empty today. If paradise is empty then why is there a first resurrection. Amen!

Here he is. He is there. The Bible says in the next part of that verse.

**Luke 16:22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

It doesn't say anything about the angels coming and getting him and ushering him out. It doesn't say—he probably had a good funeral. There were probably people lined up on the street and around the corners to get in to view his body and tell people how great he was and all of that. He probably had a good name. He probably wasn't a scoundrel. He probably didn't do a whole bunch of stuff wrong, but there is one thing missing in his life. That was the God of heaven.

The beggar didn't have any money, but he had something that was more important than money and that was a relationship with the God of heaven.

The rich man had all kinds of money, but he did not have a relationship with the God of heaven. He ends up here. The Bible says, he died and in hell—he lifted up his eyes in hell.

**Luke 16:23** And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Being where? Being in torments. Amen! That is where he opens up his eyes at. One moment he is in his house of luxury or wherever he was at and the next split second, he opens his eyes in torments.

**Luke 16:23** And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Do you know what he was able to do? The rich man is here and he look across this great gulf over to paradise and he could see Abraham. He knew exactly who Abraham was. Not only that but he also knew who the beggar was. The guy that laid at his gate every day, just wanting the crumbs, the scraps that they threw away. He could look over there and he saw Abraham and he knew who he was. And also, he knew who the beggar was. He knew that.

**Luke 16:24** And 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.

I would say this guy was screaming to the top of his lungs. Father Abraham. That would have been a good prayer a day or two before. That would have been a good

thing to call on Father Abraham a day or two before. It would have been a good thing a day or two before to call on the God of heaven.

As someone said earlier tonight, do you know what we think? We think we are going to live forever. We think that we are never going to die. We think that nothing is never going to slow us down. We think that life is going to come to an end, but it is way out there somewhere. It is not going to come to us anytime soon.

That is what we think. That is what this guy thought, no doubt. I'm sure if he knew that he was going to die, on this particular day and open his eyes up and be in flames and torments; he would have changed his mind.

Listen. There is not going to be not one unbeliever in the lake of fire. Everybody is going to believe in the lake of fire that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. It is not going to do them any good but they are going to believe it. They are going to know. They are going to realize all of the opportunities that they have had to make things right.

The rich man opens his eyes, he is in torments. He is in hell. He cries and makes this statement.

**Luke 16:24** And 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.

Do you know what you should be calling out today, while you have time today? If you are unsaved today, you should be calling out to the God of heaven. Have mercy on me. I need mercy. Don't ask for justice. Amen! Because if you get what is coming to you, you will end up in the lake of fire.

**Luke 16:24** And 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.

He is here. The rich man is here. He is praying to Father Abraham, send Lazarus. Send him over here. Let him dip his finger in the water when he comes by and cool my tongue for I am tormented in this flame. Do you know what flames are or flame is? Flames are fire.

Listen. This is not going to be a pleasant place. If you die in your sins and slip out of this world unprepared to meet God, this is where you are going to go to. You are going to be there until the time of the great white throne judgement. You are going to be there. You are going to stay there in torments. You are going to be tormented. You are going to suffer. You are going to be in flames. You are going to gnaw your tongue for pain. You are going to be screaming and hollering and asking for help. It will never end. There will be a day that your name will be called and you will be escorted from this place, and you will stand before Almighty God at the great white throne of judgement. Revelation 20. Then you will be cast alive, not dead; you will be cast alive into a lake of fire. Where you will burn day and night forever and ever.

The God of heaven said that. We can count on that. We can depend on that. I fail you. People fail you. Preachers fail you. Governments fail you. What Jesus Christ is saying will never fail you. Don't ever let anybody try to convince you that there is not life after death and not only that but also; two places, one of two places you are going to go, not one of many places. Get this. When you get here to torments, your family cannot pay so much money to a certain church and get you out. They can pray for you. They can do all kinds of—the reason I said that—in our world today, they teach that. You will go here. You will be here for a while. Your family can pay so much money and they can pray for you and then they get you out. Do you know what that is? That is a lie. That is an absolute lie. When you go here, that is where you are going to spend eternity at; here in a lake of fire where you are going to burn.

He asked Abraham would you please, would you please send Lazarus. He can look across this great gulf—get this, I don't read here anywhere where all of his friends that have died before him are around him. I don't see any of his acquaintances here around him.

In my mind before I got saved, do you know what I thought? If I go to the lake of fire, if I die lost then all my buddies and all my friends are going to be there. We are going to have a great big time and everything is going to be fine. That is not scripture. That is not truth.

This guy was all alone. All by himself. No doubt, even though there were millions here they weren't any comfort to him. He was all alone. Lazarus had some company. He had Father Abraham and probably others here. However, the rich man had nobody. He makes the statement, send Lazarus.

**Luke 16:24** And 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.

It matters how you live here on earth. It matters how you live today. If you die today, it matters how you live. How you live today, is going to determine where you are going to go. Again, it is not what mom and dad thinks. It is not how much good you have done. It is not how much you love your family. It is not whether you committed murder or not. It doesn't have anything to do with that. It is whether you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior or not.

I want to warn you, with all the compassion, kindness, and caring that I can do. If you are not saved, get saved today. If you don't get saved, this is where you are going. It may be quicker than you think.

**Luke 16:25** But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

This guy could still yet remember when he was here. He is in torments. He could still remember. He said, "Do you remember in thy lifetime how you received good things

and Lazarus evil things, but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.” Do you see what that says here? He is reminding him of some things. Reminding him of how it used to be but things are different now. Things are different now. They lived different on earth. Listen. They are going to live different throughout eternity too. Amen! The rich man had it all on planet earth. Lazarus didn’t have anything. Things are reversed now. Lazarus has got it all now and the rich man doesn’t have anything except burning in a lake of fire, burning in fire. He is in torments.

**Luke 16:26** And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come from thence*.

Jesus said that. Word for word, Jesus said that. Between paradise and torments, there is a great gulf that is fixed. Do you know what he is going to tell him? He is going to tell him that you can’t come to here, and Lazarus can’t get to you because of this great gulf. This span that is un-spannable. This area you cannot span. It can’t be done. You can’t get there. It is fixed.

**Luke 16:26** And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that *would come from thence*.

He said to the rich man, Lazarus can’t get there, because of this impassable gulf. You can’t get to him and he can’t get to you. You can see Abraham. You can see Lazarus over there, but you can’t get there and he can’t get to you.

**Luke 16:27** Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

Now here he is in torments. He knows he is doomed. He knows he is not going to get any help. He knows that is beyond help now. He begins to think about his family. His family that is still yet here on planet earth; he begins to think about them.

**Luke 16:27** Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

Would you send Lazarus here, if you can’t send him to me, if you can’t send him to bring some water and cool my tongue, would at least, send him to my father’s house.

**Luke 16:28** For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

**Luke 16:29** Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

**Luke 16:30** And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

**Luke 16:31** And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

He knew he was there. He knew he was doomed. He knew he was damned. He knew he wasn’t going to get out. He knew he wasn’t going to get any help. Now he is

praying, father Abraham please send him back to talk to my five brothers, lest, they follow me and come to this awful place. Go and warn them. Please, go warn them.

Listen. The only warning you are going to get is on this side of the grave. There is not going to be any warnings on the other side of the grave. Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. Amen! Not only that but we have His written Word that is infallible. Men shared God's Word and God's Truth. We have all kinds of accounts of Jesus' Christ raising from the dead. Proof. Infallible proofs. Many infallible proofs in the Bible. Do you know what? Listen. Do you know what he is saying here?

**Luke 16:29** Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

The guy said, "Hey, father Abraham; if one went to them from the dead, they would repent." It won't happen. Jesus has risen from the dead. Amen! We have got many infallible proofs that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead. You don't get saved because of miracles. You can see all kinds of signs. You don't get saved that way. You get saved by putting faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is what saves you. The Bible says, hey, I'm not going to do that. It wouldn't do any good anyway. He says here they have Moses—Moses and the prophets—do you know what Abraham is saying? They have the Bible. They have the truth. They have the Word of God. If they won't believe that then they are not going to believe though one rose from the dead.

Get this. You are on your way somewhere. You are one day closer to either here (paradise), or here (torments). When you got up this morning, you are 12 hours closer, if you got up at 6 this morning, or 7 this morning. You are 12 hours closer to here (paradise), or to here (torments).

Here is the thing. You get to choose where you are going to go. I can't make the choice for you. Your family can't make the choice for you. The God of heaven can't make the choice for you. He has made a way that you can escape this (torments) and go here (paradise). He has made a way. He loves you enough that He demanded the death of His Son on a Cross. He loves you enough. Do you know what Jesus is doing today? Do you know what the Holy Ghost is doing today? He is saying, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and you shall find rest unto your soul, for my burden is easy and my yoke is light." He is calling people. Knocking upon people's hearts and reminding them that He loves them. He is reminding people who are unsaved that there is a lake of fire. There is a place of torment. He is also reminding them, "Hey, I love you. If you will just ask me, I will forgive you of your sin and you can go here (paradise)." It is your choice.

I can't make it for you. Your family, your husband, your wife; as much as they love you, as much as they care about you, they can't make it for you. There is only two places and you are going to one of them; either here (paradise), or you are going here (torments). Here is the great thing, if you die before the rapture; we are going to go

here. However, when you read 1 Corinthians 15 and when you read also, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; do you know what you can read? There is going to come a day when corruption is going to put on incorruption. There is coming a day when Jesus Christ is going to come with a shout, with the voice of the arch angel and the trump of God and the dead, those that here, in Christ, those that have died saved; do you know what is going to happen? They are going to be raised from here. They are going to be raised up here in the air and do you know what is going to happen? All the living saints that is going to be alive then; we are going to meet these guys right here in the atmosphere. Amen! Do you know what is going to happen? We are all going to go to heaven together. That is the Bible. Don't you want to go? Don't you want to go to a place where there are streets of gold and walls of Jasper, a place that is magnificent, a place where there is no pain, no sorrow, no killings, and no deaths? Don't you want to go there? Don't you want to go to a place that we can be able to see and worship the God of heaven, every day? Don't you want to go to a place like that?

Or do you want to be here until the white throne judgment? You will be here—there will be millions here, tens of millions of people. Some of them may be your family. Your family may be right beside of you here and you will never know it. Do you know why? Because you are going to be like the rich man was; you are going to be screaming, crying, and begging for somebody to help you. However, there is not going to be any help to come. Your name will be called one day, and you will come and you will stand before the same One that spoke the words that I just read to you, out of Luke 16, 2,000 years ago when He was on earth; you are going to stand before Him. He is the one you are going to be standing before; not some church leader, not some pastor, not some pope, not some prince; but you are going to be standing before the God of heaven. All judgement has been given unto the Son—the Son being Jesus Christ. You are going to stand before Him. The books are going to be there. The Bible says, when you read Revelation 20, the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and they were judged out of those things written in the book, according to their works. Everyone of the untold millions and millions and millions will be called from a place called torment, a place called hell and they will be cast alive into a lake of fire, where the beast and the false prophet are. Revelation 20. They will be tormented day and night forever and forever and forever. Quiet. Isn't it?

Do you know why? It should be quiet. It should get our attention. If we are not saved that should get our attention. If we are saved, and we got family that is unsaved; that should get our attention to do everything we can to be trying to persuade them to get right with God.

Listen. There is going to come a time that your name is going to be called and death is going to take you from this life. You are either going here (paradise) or you are going here (torments). Saved people are going to paradise. I'm not saying church members. I said saved people, born again people. A lot of people go to church that are not saved. Saved people are going here (paradise). Lost people are going here (torments). They

are going to be pulpers and preachers and pastors and old folks and young folks and rich folks and poor folks; they are going to be here (paradise). Over here there are going to be pulpers and preachers and old folks and young folks and rich folks and poor folks. Do you know why? Not because of that but it is because they have never received Jesus Christ.

Listen. It is serious stuff. I'm not trying to scare anybody, but I tell you what; I do want to warn you that death is coming. You are going here or you are going here. Either one of these places that you go to is fixed. You will be there. You can't switch sides anymore. You can't get here and say hey I want to change my mind now. When you get here, that is where you are going. Amen! When you get here, you want to be anywhere else but here. Amen! Heaven is going to be a real place guys. Full of real people, worshiping a real God, being able to praise Him forever and forever and forever.

Come and pray—