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The Rich Man's Plea

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The events of [Luke 16:19-31](#) are fascinating. They answer a lot of questions one might have about life after death. Have you ever considered the rich man's plea?

The unnamed rich man went from wealthy to beggar. Notice in [Luke 16:27](#), *I beg you therefore father that you send him (Lazarus) to my father's house.* Lazarus is no longer the beggar, but comforted (v. 25). What good were the rich man's riches now? Crazy how things changes.

When they both died, they immediately went to Hades (the unseen realm of the dead). Lazarus was carried to Abraham's bosom by angels. The rich man died and was buried. The rich man lifted up his eyes in torments (*torture*) and could see paradise.

Lazarus's life was rough. Now, he is comforted. The rich man had it made. Now, he is in torments. Which life lasts longer? Life on earth is described as a vapor ([James 4:14](#)). Eternity will never cease.

Finally, the rich man had a wish; one that could not be granted. Notice the rich man's plea...*I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, for I have 5 brothers that he might testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.* In [verse 30](#), the rich man knows they need to repent, and that it is too late for him.

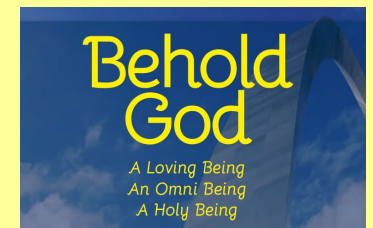
Even today, Torments is full of souls who would give anything to be able to repent and change their situation. It is full of those who would do anything to go and tell their family the truth about life and how it should and shouldn't be lived. It's not about physical treasures, but storing up heavenly treasures ([Matthew 6:19-21](#)) The rich man had a message he wanted delivered to those he loved who were not following God, a message of repentance. Jesus has a message for the world, but He has given that message to you and me to deliver to our family and friends, *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature* ([Mark 16:15](#)). Shouldn't we tell them before it is too late?

I am sure you love your family and friends just like the rich man did. But when he realized his error, he wanted them to live differently. The problem was he realized his error too late. *I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work* ([Jn. 9:4](#)). Will you share the message of Christ today?

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NOTES:

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 841 Sing and Be Happy (Vs. 1, 23)

Prayer

Song: 742 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Vs. 1, 2, 5)

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 598 Standing on the Promises (Vs. 1, 4)

Song: 473 O How I Love Jesus (Vs. 1, 3)

Scripture Reading: 18:1-3

Sermon

Song: 356 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 36 Amazing Grace! (Vs. 1)

Prayer

Psalm 18:1-3

I I O S A A R T N H D U L R A O R D S E V H D O D
 A L W I L L S R S S A E V S I D N O R E R D R O L
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 T D Y K S L T S V R E E E D L S R G E E V E R L G
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 V R T T O S E N L A E O G S O A O I A L V A L A P
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WILL
 LOVE
 YOU
 LORD
 STRENGTH
 ROCK
 FORTRESS
 DELIVERER
 GOD
 TRUST
 SHIELD
 HORN
 SALVATION
 STRONGHOLD
 CALL
 WORTHY
 PRAISED
 SAVED
 ENEMIES

Psalm 18:1-3 (NKJV)

- 1 I will love You, O LORD, my strength.
- 2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- 3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies.

Why Worship?

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23