

"SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM" (The Parables of Jesus)

WEST OLIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST – Wednesday PM Bible Class – Rich Howell

E-"KINGDOM VALUE PARABLES" SUPPLEMENT 3

The Rich Man & Lazarus (A Reversal of Fortunes) Luke 16:19-31

THE QUESTION about this teaching: FICTION or NON-FICTION?

Why THE ANSWER is not terribly important: Because ...

- 1) All of Jesus' teaching is TRUTH (John 8:31-32; 14:6; 17:17)
- 2) All the details of all of Jesus' parables are realities and TRUE to LIFE in every detail!
- 3) In either case, we can learn much, GAIN much, and APPLY much from Jesus' teaching here!

1. SETTING THE TABLE (16:14-15) (CONTEXT)

- ⓘ Previous relevant teaching, parables: Luke 14:12-14; 15:11-32 & 16:1-13
- ⓘ The Parable of the Dishonest Manager was directed to Jesus' DISCIPLES, but also heard by the Jewish LEADERS
- ⓘ How did they respond to Jesus' parable? And, why? THEY RIDICULED HIM BECAUSE THEY WERE LOVERS OF MONEY! (He hit home with them!)
- ⓘ How did Jesus answer their response to the parable? YOU JUSTIFY YOURSELVES; GOD KNOWS YOUR HEARTS; WHAT IS EXALTED BY MEN IS DESPISED BY GOD; THE "GREED" VERSE! (Luke 12:15)

2. UNPACKING THIS TEACHING (CONTENT)

- ⓘ THE "BEFORE" SCENARIO (19-21) Key word: CONTRAST!
- ⓘ THE "AFTER" SCENARIO (22-23) Key word: REVERSAL!
 - 1) Where did Lazarus go? To PARADISE (Luke 23:43; John 20:17; Acts 2:31)
 - 2) Where did the rich man go? To HADES (tartarus) (2 Peter 2:4-9; Rev 20:11-15)
- ⓘ THE FIRST REQUEST/DENIAL (24-26)

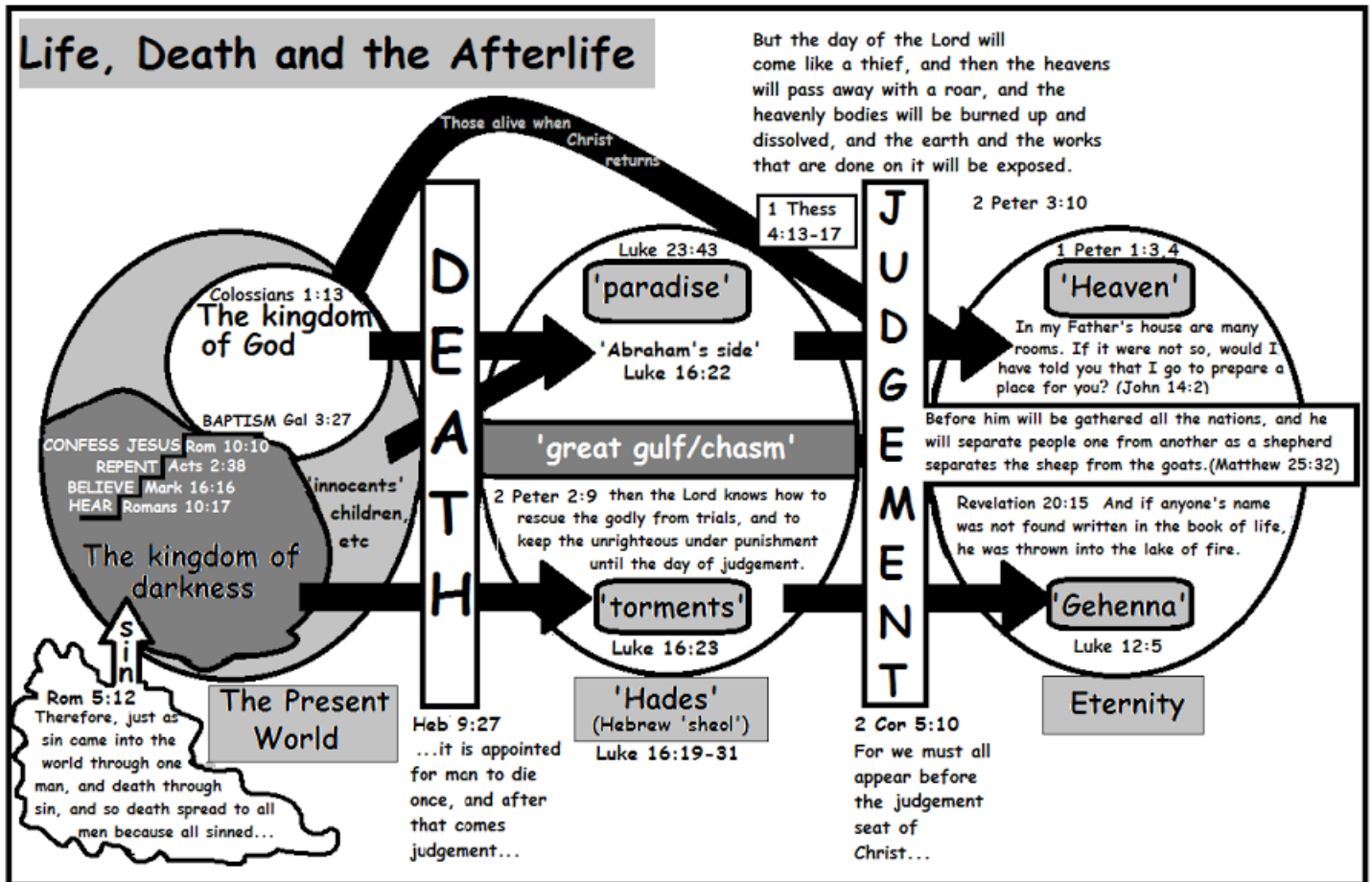
Here we learn that once we DIE our destiny is SEALED (Heb 9:27-28; John 8:24)

NOTE: Refer to chart on back
- ⓘ THE SECOND REQUEST/DENIAL (27-31)

Here we learn that the Scriptures are SUFFICIENT to save, no MIRACLES needed! (John 20:24-31; Mark 16:17-20; Heb 1:1-2; 2:2-4; Rom 10:17; 2 Cor 5:7)

3. APPLYING THIS TEACHING (CONCLSIONS)

- ⊖ WITH P _____ COMES RESPONSIBILITY (Mat 10:8; Luke 12:48b)
It matters how we _____ others - _____ so! (Mat 25:31-46)
- ⊖ THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS WHAT THEY _____! (Rev 3:17; 2:9; 2 Cor 6:8b-10; James 2:5)
The rich are not always " _____ " and the poor are not always " _____ !"
- ⊖ BECAUSE THE _____ WILL _____ ONE DAY, (Mat 19:30; 20:16; 8:11-12; Luke 14:11; 18:14; 16:25; 6:20-26), _____ IS THE TIME TO CHANGE SIDES (_____)! (Heb 9:27-28; Acts 2:38-41; Col 1:12-13; John 5:24; Acts 26:18)
- ⊖ IN JESUS CHRIST, WE CAN ALL HAVE A _____ OF _____ !! (2 Cor 8:9)



"SECRETS OF THE KINGDOM" (The Parables of Jesus)

WEST OLIVE CHURCH OF CHRIST – Wednesday PM Bible Class – Rich Howell

B-PARABLE ORGANIZER – MASTER LIST

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
KINGDOM GROWTH PARABLES			
The Sower	13:3-8,18-23	4:3-8,14-20	8:5-8,11-15
The Wheat & the Weeds	13:24-30,36-43		
The Net	13:47-50		
The Mustard Seed	13:31-32	4:30-32	13:18-19
The Yeast (Leaven)	13:33		13:20-21
The Growing Grain		4:26-29	
The Unfruitful Fig Tree			13:6-9
KINGDOM VALUE PARABLES			
Salt & Light*	5:14-16		
The Lamp*		4:21-23	8:16; 11:33-36
Hidden Treasure	13:44		
Pearl of Great Value	13:45-46		
The Householder	13:52		
The Lost Sheep	18:11-14		15:4-7
The Lost Coin			15:8-10
The Lost Son (Prodigal)			15:11-32
The Dishonest Steward (Manager)			16:1-13
<u>The Rich Man & Lazarus*</u>			<u>16:19-31</u>
The Moneylender			7:40-43
The Rich Fool			12:16-21
The Great Banquet			14:16-24
Counting the Cost			14:25-33
The Talents	25:14-30		
KINGDOM AUTHORITY PARABLES			
Wise & Foolish Builders*	7:24-27		6:46-49
Two Sons	21:28-32		
Wicked Tenants	21:33-44	12:1-11	20:9-18
Wedding Banquet	22:2-14		
The Minas (Pounds)			19:11-27

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE
KINGDOM CHARACTER PARABLES			
New Patch/New Wine*	9:16-17	2:21-22	5:36-38
The Unmerciful Servant	18:23-24		
The Vineyard Workers	20:1-16		
The Good Samaritan			10:25-37
A Friend at Midnight			11:5-8
Seating Arrangements			14:7-11
Humble Hospitality			14:12-14
Unworthy Servants*			17:7-10
The Persistent Widow			18:1-8
Two Men Praying			18:9-14
Faithful & Wise Servant	24:45-51		12:42-48
Watchful Servants*		13:32-37	12:35-40
Ten Bridesmaids	25:1-13		
The Sheep & the Goats*	25:31-46		

* Not always classified as a "parable"

A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH: (From Lesson "C")

ONE: DETERMINE THE CONTEXT - Who? When? What? Where? Read around the parable.

TWO: OBSERVE THE CONTENT - Pay close attention to what Jesus actually says, not what it makes you think about or associate with it. Be an observant, objective reader.

THREE: GET THE BIG PICTURE - Parables are visual, so visualize the whole scenario before getting into the details of the story.

FOUR: SEGMENT/SEQUENCE THE PARABLE - Identify the different "pieces of the puzzle" and get the sequence or flow of the parable clearly in your mind, or on paper.

FIVE: IDENTIFY EACH ELEMENT - What does each element signify or refer to. Begin with any information given in the parable itself. Not every detail is always meant to be interpreted,

SIX: LOOK FOR THE "CORE MESSAGE" - This is like the "moral of the story" or the "main point" or the "punchline." Sometimes it's stated, sometimes it's not. Sometimes it's obvious, other times, not. If you come up dry, let it marinate a while and keep it in mind.

SEVEN: FIND APPLICATIONS - Start with any practical applications Jesus Himself gives. Otherwise, think of personal applications that remain consistent with the "core message."

And, remember, as with all the Scriptures, always **PRAY** on **IT** (Matthew 7:7-8; Proverbs 2:6; James 1:2-3) and **CHEW** on **IT** (MEDITATE - 2 Timothy 2:7; Joshua 1:7-9)!