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# Hell and the Wrath of God

## *Luke 16:19-31*

1. **Context of this parable**
   1. Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem where He will be tried, convicted, and killed by crucifixion. Luke 13:22
   2. Parables in chapter 15 deal with things lost, then found.
   3. Parable immediately preceding our text includes a rich man as well. But the main character is his shrewd manager.
   4. Exposition of the parable of the rich man and Lazurus.
2. **Is Hell Literal or Symbolic?**
   1. Fire is frequently symbolic of God’s judgment throughout scripture. Revelation 1:12-18
   2. If it is symbolic, then the reality will be worse than the symbol.
   3. Names for hell
      1. Place of Torment - Luke 16:28
      2. Unquenchable Fire - Mark 9:43
      3. Eternal Destruction - 2 Thessalonians 1:9
      4. Eternal Fire – Jude 7
      5. Lake of Fire – Revelation 20:14-15
3. **Denial of Hell**
   1. Annihilationism
      1. John Stott
   2. Completely dismissing it.
      1. Joel Osteen
      2. Rob Bell
   3. “All roads lead to God.” – FALSE!
4. **“Why would a loving God send anyone to a place of eternal torment?”**
   1. We all deserve it.
   2. God’s justice demands it.
   3. The payment that Christ paid is indicative of the Severity of the Crime.
      1. Isaiah 53
5. **Conclusion – What is the Remedy?**
   1. Christ alone
   2. Christ saves sinners
   3. Believers express gratitude and thanksgiving for His mercy and grace in rescuing us from this certain eternal death.