

The Voice of the Lost

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I. Introduction.

II. Man is a moral wanderer unable and unwilling to return, but God is entreating him to return.

III. The voice of the lost. (Luke 16:19)

A. The wise hear.

B. For the moral fool, they do not hear.

C. The Lord Jesus makes us hear a voice though - the voice of a lost man.

1. It is a strange voice.

a. The voice of a dead man.

b. A lost man becomes an evangelist.

D. Observations.

1. The saved man was not saved because he was poor.

a. Salvation does not depend upon poverty and rags.

b. There are many beggars who are evil.

2. The rich man did not go to hell because he had plenty.

a. Men go to hell not because of how much they possess, but because of their spirits.

b. Many spiritual people had wealth.

c. No spiritual person loved money.

3. This is not a story of social inequality.

E. The reason that Lazarus went to heaven and that the rich man went to hell is because they went to where they belonged by nature.

1. People go where they are fitted to exist.

2. The places demand that which they claim.

a. For example, there was nothing in Jesus that Satan can claim.

b. Judas died and went to his own place.

c. Heaven and hells are magnets that draw their own.

3. The rich man went to hell because his nature belonged there.

4. Doing some good deeds does not determine your nature.

5. We are born with an evil nature; we have to be born another time.

a. This is regeneration.

b. It is an infusion of another nature.

c. Christians have obtained the nature of God. (Peter)

1) When we die we go where our nature belongs - to heaven.

2) Each nature has its own place.

F. All have sinned and fallen from God's glory - the poor man would have died in his sins if it were not for the pardon and mercy of God.

G. The rich man denied God's pardon and went to hell.

H. There is a one way street from earth to heaven and one to hell, but there is no highway between heaven and hell.

I. Now we hear the voice of the damned.

1. He first asks to go.

2. He then asks others to go warn his relatives.

3. He was a rich man, a Jew, and knew something of theology.

a. A great many people go to hell from churches.

b. A great many people go to hell from the pulpits.

c. The rich man appeared to be somewhat religious.

d. He was in hell, nevertheless.

J. It is not human niceness that saves, but having the nature of God imparted to your soul.

K. It is truth that saves men, not drama.

Application questions.

1. What role did wealth play in the destination of the two men in the biblical passage? How does the speaker relate wealth to salvation?

2. The speaker maintains that one's destination is determined by one's nature. How does one attain the heavenly nature?

3. Many people who are in the church are destined for hell. How does this speak to you? Are you secure in your eternal destination? If so, what about the destination of your friends?
