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Luke chapter 16

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

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

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.

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;

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

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

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tormented in this flame.

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.

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.

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

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

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets;

Everyone knows this story, a rich man would see this man named Lazarus who was poor and a beggar just wanting crumbs to eat to sustain, however, the rich man never laid a helping eye on Lazarus. He did not help Lazarus. Well as time has it and as the parable tells it, when the beggar died he was taken to Abraham's bosom. The rich man died and was buried. We're not going to teach on this today, but do not run with the globe on this one please.



When the rich man looked up, he realizes he is in hell (lake of fire) and across the way he sees Abraham and Lazarus, the poor beggar with Abraham.

The rich man begs (whose the beggar now) Abraham to order Lazarus to bring him just a drop of water to quench him. Abraham instead reminds the rich man of his extravagant and financially fruitful life he had prior to.

Abraham also reminds the rich man how Lazarus struggled and he would offer no help. Now the tables are turned.

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Besides all of this, there is a gulf fixed where those suffering in the lake of fire cannot come to those blessed in the bosom of Abraham and vice versa. The rich man knowing he cannot get out of this situation has a good heart and good intention, and request that Abraham allow Lazarus to go to his father's house to testify to his brothers that "this stuff is real."

In other words, the rich man was trying to tell Abraham to allow Lazarus to turn his brothers from the lavish-don't-care-about-the-world-and-needy-people lifestyle they were probably living as well.

Abraham told the rich man that his brothers have Moses and the prophets; "they have Moses and the Prophets."

This is a very profound statement. We want to gently understand all that is being said in this significant statement by Jesus in this parable. In reality it is very simple. If you want to avoid the torments that await all evildoers, you must take serious heed to all that Moses, the great prophet of the Lord, wrote, and all that the prophets have written.

Moses and the prophets will tell you many things that pertain to eternal life, but let's look at what the main message we should receive from Moses and the prophets.

Exodus chapter 20

- 1 And God spake all these words, saying,**
- 2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.**
- 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**

We know the Ten Commandments that we are to keep them and do them. This was presented by Moses.

Jeremiah chapter 7

23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

Jeremiah, a prophet, tells us that God only commanded us to obey His voice in order to

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be called His people and for Him to be our God. We need to walk in His ways that God has commanded for things to be well for us.

We have more:

Deuteronomy 5:33 Walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days in the land that you will possess.

1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, **to obey is better** than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

Zechariah 6:15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. **And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.**

Isaiah 56:6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD, to serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, **and taketh hold of my covenant;**

Psalm 128:1 Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD; that **walketh in his ways.**

The Covenant of the Lord is His Commandments; and keeping the Lord's commandments is to obey His voice. You have to read Moses and prophets to learn how to walk in the ways of the God of Israel.

Psalm chapter 119

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

3 They also do no iniquity: they walk in his ways.

Blessed are the undefiled that walk in the law of the Lord! Again, you would have to have dealt with Moses and the prophets learn the law in order to walk in them.

Solomon, the great king in Israel tells us that the whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments (**Ecclesiastes 12 v13**). These are what Moses and the

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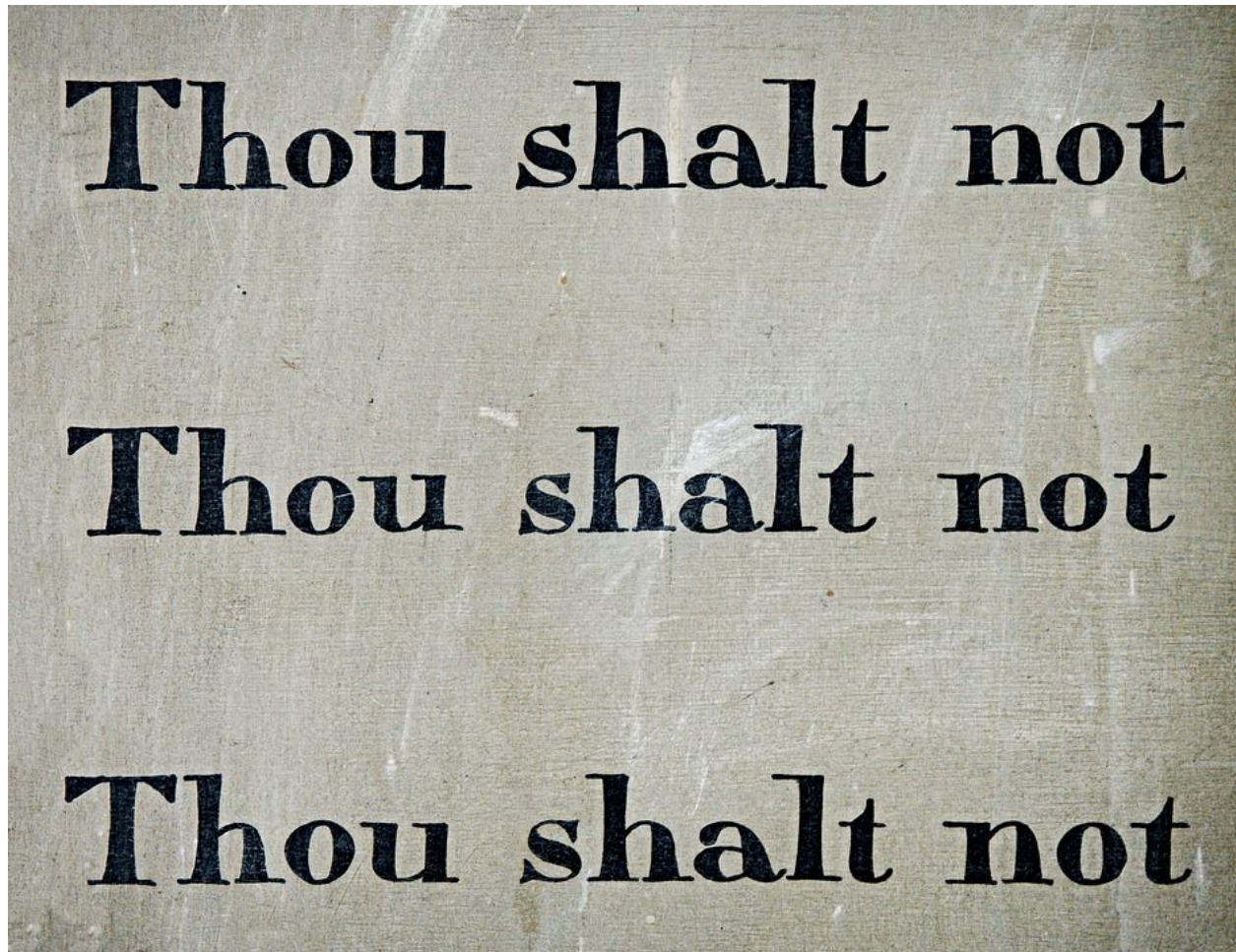
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prophets teach us. Even when we go into the testimony, which is the New Testament, we see Jesus teaching and saying the same thing:

St John chapter 14

15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.



Moses and the prophets taught the keeping of the Lord's commandments. This is important because many Christians today believe the Old Testament is done away with, however, Jesus will contest that by telling us in the parable that they have Moses and the Prophets. Keeping of the commandment would have helped the rich man's behavior towards Lazarus, because the commandments are about showing love to our fellow brothers and sisters in the world and keeping the ways of the God of Israel.

So let's get back to what the rest of the parable said regarding Moses and the prophets.

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Luke chapter 16

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

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

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.

Abraham tells the man that his brothers have Moses and the prophets and they should hear what Moses and prophets have to say. The rich man knew that they would ignore what Moses and the prophets had to say, as he did, and would rather believe if someone from the dead came to them.

However, Abraham was not buying that story and told the rich man that if they do not listen and hear Moses and the prophets, they will not be persuaded even if one rose from the dead.

The Bible actually says, "Though one rose from the dead." The one that rose from the dead was Jesus Christ and people all around the world are not persuaded by this at all. It is because they have not really heard and believed Moses and the prophets. There is a scripture where Jesus says if we do not believe all that Moses gave, how can we believe on Jesus? Jesus is the one who gave Moses and the prophets the words we read, so if you do not regard their words, you will not regard Jesus' words either.

The lesson is to strongly remind you and if it is for the first time, to strongly encourage you to embrace the teachings of Moses and the prophets of God. If you are not persuaded by Moses and the prophets teaching, you will not be persuaded by anything else in this world regarding salvation through Jesus Christ. I hope this study was edifying and I pray you strength in the God of Israel in Jesus name, amen.

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