

The Rich Man and Lazarus

You may want to turn your Bibles to Luke chapter 16, verse 19. These are the verses we will start with today; the parable of “The Rich Man and Lazarus.”

- I am here to proclaim that there is a Heaven and there is a Hell, we will go to one or the other of the two places, there is no in between.
- We are saved and sanctified or we are not, there is no in between.
- We believe in God and His Commandments and we keep His commandments or we do not, there is no in between.
- I’m not here to argue the point of how the mechanics of it all works out; whether you will burn up or you will be burning forever or you will be tormented for ever, or how it’s going to happen in every little detail. I’m trying to keep it as simple as possible, all those little things about the way God is going to make it all happen is immaterial. I just want all of us to be there when Jesus makes that glorious return for Judgment Day; to judge the wicked and the righteous. God knows what He’s doing and the way He’s going to do it. I think our little minds cannot comprehend the complete wonderful plan God has set into motion. How I obtain eternal life through Jesus Christ will not matter. It’s like going to Texas, you can fly, drive a car or ride a bus or ride a donkey, but the main thing is you get there.

Jesus gave us the story of the rich man and Lazarus so that we would know there are two choices, we are going to live for Jesus and spend eternity with Christ or we are going to the other place; as called in this set of verses, “Hades,” other places they call it the “abyss,” also called the “lake of fire” and still other verses it’s referred to as “Hell.” It’s the place that we certainly do not want to go, but we do know that it will not be eternity with Jesus. I

looked up these four words in the dictionary, hell, Hades, abyss and lake of fire; you know, they all seem to have the same thing in common, “**separation from God and torment.**”

(There are Bible verses listed at the end of this paper that refer to hell, Hades, abyss and lake of fire, with dictionary definitions, we may read over a few of them.)

Let's get to the scripture verses.

~The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)~



19 *“Now there was a rich man, and he habitually dressed in purple and fine linen, joyously living in splendor every day.*

20 *“And a poor man named Lazarus was laid at his gate, covered with sores,*

21 *and longing to be fed with the crumbs which were falling from the rich man's table; besides, even the dogs were coming and licking his sores.*



22 *“Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and were buried.*

23 *“In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.*

24 *“And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'*

25 *“But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.*

26 *'And besides all this, between us and you there is a great chasm fixed, so that those who wish to come over from here to you will not be able, and that none may cross over from there to us.'*

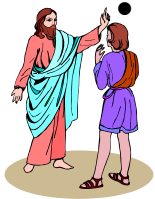
27 *“And he said, 'then I beg you, father, that you send him to my father's house -*
28 *for I have five brothers - in order that he may warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'*

29 *“But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.'*

30 *“But he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent!'”*

31 *“But he said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'”*

Just as a side note; “Paradise” and “Abraham’s bosom,” were both common Jewish terms of the day, they were adopted by Christ in Luke 16:22 and 23:43 to designate the condition of the righteous in the intermediate state.



- These scriptures in Luke are the Words of Jesus. He gives us the scenario or parable of a rich man, most Bibles refer to this short story as a parable, if it is a parable this is the only parable that Jesus spoke that He named a person, and of course that person was Lazarus.
- Jesus spoke some forty parables in the four gospels, Luke recorded 28 of them, while John did not record any of the parables.
- The characters in this parable is a rich man that did not have a heart for God and a very poor beggar man named Lazarus that knew God. This was “not the Lazarus that rose from the death,” this was a different Lazarus.
- By the way the name Lazarus means -- Assistance of God.

Apparently this Lazarus was in very bad health and had many afflictions since he was laid at the gate each day, maybe he couldn’t walk and someone had to carry him to the gates each day to beg for food. The scriptures tell us that there were sores over his entire body. Even the dogs were licking his sores. Lazarus was satisfied with the crumbs that would fall from the rich man’s table. So what a miserable earthly life this Lazarus had; but I think he had something more that the rich man didn’t have. He had God.

Let me point out some items of interest concerning this parable:

- By the way what is a parable? The dictionary says that it is “a simple story illustrating a moral or religious lesson.”

- This parable is only recorded in Luke, and not in any of the other three gospels. I don't know why Luke picked up on this parable and the other gospels didn't.
- Also it's strange that Jesus named the poor beggar Lazarus, and the other person was nameless, but was referred to as "the rich man."
- The rich man could have been any of us in today's economics standards, making the mistake of depending on our status and standard of living and not on God.

Luke tells us in verse 19 that this rich man was dressed in purple and fine linen, living in splendor every day.

- Wearing purple in those days was a sign of royalty and due to the costliness of purple it was a "mark of distinction" to wear.
- The color purple was made from a marine mollusk, which is a shell like animal that when cut open, a milky fluid comes out and when exposed to the air, it turns to the purple color.



The Bible tells us in Revelation that "the woman with seven heads and ten horns was dressed in purple and scarlet," that is in chapter 17, verse 4. Then in Acts 16:14, Lydia, Paul's first convert in Europe was a seller of purple fabrics.

What did they do to Jesus as they were taking Him to the cross? As it's told in Mark, they dressed Him in purple and put a crown of thorns upon His head and mocked Him. So purple is used in many ways in the Bible, not only in Luke and this parable.

Continuing with the story we see in the scriptures that both men die, Lazarus was carried away to Abraham's bosom and the rich man was buried. In Hades where the rich man was, he lifted up his eyes and being in torment cried out, "have mercy on me." Send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame. Today a lot of churches and preachers do not want to talk about Hell. They preach of this loving God that will not punish or condemn anyone to Hell. But

friends, let me tell you that when Jesus returns, He will return for the righteous and the wicked will not be with Him. The wicked will be eternity separated from God.

I sometimes hear Christians say, “God is a nice and good God, (and He is) and that God would not send anyone to Hell.” No, He wouldn’t send anyone to Hell, but you can send yourself there if you do not accept His plan of salvation. At one time in my life, I went to church with a Christian, (quote Christian) that believed that the loving God that he served would let all people into His Kingdom at the end, he believed that God would not judge anyone, every one would go to heaven. Apparently he thought there was no hell or day-of-judgment for the wicked, he was serious and he believed it. Sometimes I think we can talk about the love of Jesus and preach the love of Jesus so much that people forget or ignore that there is a judgment day coming. Jesus tells us in Luke 13:5, *“I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”* [NAS] I don’ know about you, but this sounds like hell and a day of judgment to me, it’s certainly not heaven and everlasting life. There is no other way except through **Jesus Christ**. I think we are living in a society today that does not want to preach straight from scripture and people do not want to hear about Hell. Maybe, it’s not politically correct. Jesus was not politically correct when He walked this earth and He’s not politically correct today. And not everyone is going to make it to God’s Kingdom, look at Matthew 7:21-23, and Jesus is speaking so we need to listen.

21 *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.*

22 *“Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’*

23 *“And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’*

Does this sound like everyone will enter the Kingdom of Heaven and spend eternity with Jesus? I don’t think so!

Jesus went on to say in verse 26 of Luke 16 that between the rich man and Lazarus was a great chasm fixed, (a non-crossable gorge) so that no one would be able to cross over to where Lazarus was. This tells me that after you die, there is no second chance for

repentance and forgiveness. An Italian poet put it in very simple terms concerning the judgment of the wicked with the quote, “Abandon all hope, you who enter here.” Yes folks, when you enter in or take that last breath, that’s it.

Finally the rich man realized that he was not getting out, he had accepted his fate and knew that it was final. So the rich man then showed concern for others, which he probably had never done before. He had been dependent and trusting in his riches and social status and not on God. The rich man asked them to go to his father’s house where he had five brothers which were apparently not saved. He wanted Abraham to warn them of the pending judgment. Apparently the five brothers as well as the rich man had had many chances for repentance. Because Abraham replied, “they have Moses and the Prophets;” let them hear them, referring to the Old Testament. Abraham said the rich man’s family had what they needed for righteous living; they were just not following the commandments of God. It’s not that they didn’t know better, they had been presented with the Word. Then the rich man replied, “But if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” They knew something about the Bible since they knew that Abraham was dead. But Abraham goes on to tell the rich man in verse 31 of Luke 16, *“If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.”* (Jesus may have been referring to Himself being raised from the dead) Some people are not going to become believers regardless of what they hear and what others tell them. You probably know people or have friends or family like this. Paul tells us in 1CORINTHIANS 2:14-16, *But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. 16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.* There we have it, two separate types of people; one spiritual in nature, his mind being transformed more and more like the mind of Christ. Then we have the other kind of person, a person who thinks it is just plain foolishness concerning spiritual things. As the saying goes, “some people just don’t get it.”

Let me quote you some verses about the judgment of God.

[2 COR 5:10] *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.* [NAS]

[REV 22:12] Jesus is speaking, so we had better listen. “Can I get an Amen?” *“Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.* [NAS]

ECCLESIASTES 12:13-14 *The conclusion, when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person.*

14 *For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.*

We will not be able to hide; everything we have ever done will be before God for judgment. God will return for the judgment, “you and I will be judged.” God’s judgment is fair and you will know that He has judged you fairly. Have you ever been convicted of something unjustly or you were convicted but got the “short end of the stick” as the saying goes. We see a lot of court room shows on TV now-a-days where person after person says, no I’m not guilty or they were unhappy with the judge and their sentences. When God judges you, you will know that you were judged fairly and you will know that the correct punishment has been handed out. God will be the judge, jury and executor.

The Two Robbers

Let us refer about another event in the Bible concerning two separate people and each chose to go a different way. Remember there is only two ways to go. It’s the story of the two robbers that were crucified on each side of Jesus. First, let us look at some scriptures verses of the accounts of the two thefts.

LUKE 23:32 *Two others also, who were criminals, were being led away to be put to death with Him.* [NAS]

[JOHN19:18] *There they crucified Him, and with Him two other men, one on either side, and Jesus in between.* [NAS]

[MARK 15:27] *They crucified two robbers with Him, one on His right and one on His left.* [NAS]

[MATTHEWS 27:38] *At that time two robbers were crucified with Him, one on the right and one on the left.* [NAS]

All four of the gospels mention the two robbers. Matthew picks up on the two robbers, and adds that they both were insulting Jesus with the same words as the other mockers. [MATTHEWS 27:44] [NAS] *The robbers who had been crucified with Him were also insulting Him with the same words.*

Apparently; somewhere between the point in time that they were mocking our Lord and Savior as the rest of the crowd, one of the robbers then repented and was granted paradise with Jesus.

Read with me; go over a few chapters from the parable of the rich man and Lazarus to Luke 23:33-43.



(The complete story is only told in Luke and not the other gospels, the three other gospels only mentions the two robbers) Again only Luke picks up on the details of the two robbers and the repentant of one of them. As the story of Lazarus and the rich man is only told in Luke, so is the story of the two robbers.

You might say, Luke was big on parables, he thought they were important.

33 *When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left.*

34 *But Jesus was saying, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves.*

35 *And the people stood by, looking on. And even the rulers were sneering at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if this is the Christ of God, His Chosen One."*

36 *The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up to Him, offering Him sour wine,*

37 *and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!"*

38 *Now there was also an inscription above Him, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS."*

39 *One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"*

40 *But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"*

41 *"And we indeed are suffering justly, for we are receiving what we deserve for our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."* (This is the way it will be at judgment; we will know we have been judged correctly)

42 *And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!"*

43 *And He said to him, "Truly I say to you, today, you shall be with Me in Paradise."*

The righteous and the wicked are contrasted all through the Bible, let us read some scripture, we will start with Psalms 1:1-6

PSALM (NKJ) 1:1 *Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;*

2 *But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.*

3 *He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.*

4 *The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away.*

5 *Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.*

6 *For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

I don't know if you have ever noticed or not, but Jesus spoke a very simple language; even the simplest of people can understand and relate to Him. He talked about the baker baking bread, the vineyard keeper pruning his grapes, the farmer planting his wheat, the builder building upon sand. You don't need a PHD or Doctorate to understand what He is saying. He also used many metaphors concerning common traditions of the day. One metaphor He used was sifting grain, separating the good from the bad. One of those objects for separating the wheat from the chaff was the winnowing fork. (Win-o-ing)



[MATTHEWS 3:12] and [Luke 3:17] [NAS] *"His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clear His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into the barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."*

Winnowing is the process by which chaff is separated and removed from grain when it is harvested. (Grain sample)



A winnowing fork is a sort of long-handled wooden shovel which is used in the process of winnowing (Jeremiah 15:7; Matthew 3:12; (pitch fork similar) Even in this present day in Syria a large wooden fork is used for winnowing the grain. (Picture in handout)



The process of separating the chaff from the grain is by throwing it against the wind (Isaiah 30:24).

The mass of chaff, straw, and grain was thrown against the wind so that the chaff might be blown away. This was usually done in the evening, when there was generally a breeze (Ruth 3:2;

Today the combine cuts the standing grain, threshes out the grain from the straw and chaff, cleans the grain, and empties it into bags or grain-storage facilities. It has greatly reduced harvesting time and labor; whereas in 1829 harvesting an acre of wheat required 14 man-hours, today the modern combine requires less than 30 minutes. And when God separates the wicked from the righteous is not going to take very long.

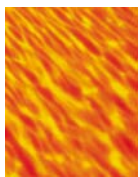


Chaff

The husks that surround the seeds of the cereals. *Chaff*, after the threshing is over, is mingled with the *cut* and *split straw*. Winnowing separates the product of threshing into four heaps—*grain*, *cut straw*, *chaff*, and finally the *dust*, caused by the comminution of a part of the straw and chaff and its commingling with the dust of the earthen floor.

[PRO 20:26] [NAS] A wise king winnows the wicked, And drives the threshing wheel over them.

Bible verses that deals with “HELL.” A state of separation from God.¹



**[MAT 5:22] [NAS] "But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, 'You good-for-nothing,' shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, 'You fool,' shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.*

**[MAT 5:29] [NAS] "If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you; for it is better for you to lose one of the parts of your body, than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.*

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[MAT 10:28] [NAS] *"Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*

[MAT 18:9] [NAS] *"If your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it from you. It is better for you to enter life with one eye, than to have two eyes and be cast into the fiery hell.*

[MAT 23:15] [NAS] *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel around on sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves.*

[MAT 23:33] [NAS] *"You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell?*

[LUK 12:5] [NAS] *"But I will warn you whom to fear: fear the One who, after He has killed, has authority to cast into hell; yes, I tell you, fear Him!*

[JAMES 3:6] [NAS] *And the tongue is a fire, the very world of iniquity; the tongue is set among our members as that which defiles the entire body, and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell.*

*[2 PETER 2:4] [NAS] *For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to pits of darkness, reserved for judgment;*

Bible verses that deal with “HADES:” the abode of the shades of the dead.²

[MAT 11:23] [NAS] *"And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; for if the miracles had occurred in Sodom which occurred in you, it would have remained to this day.*

*[MAT 16:18] [NAS] *"I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.*

[LUKE 10:15] [NAS] *"And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will be brought down to Hades!*

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[LUKE 16:23] [NAS] *“In Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom.*

[ACT 2:31] [NAS] *he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.*

*[REV 1:18] [NAS] *and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades.* This was Jesus Christ speaking.

[REV 6:8] [NAS] *I looked, and behold, an ashen horse; and he who sat on it had the name Death; and Hades was following with him. Authority was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword and with famine and with pestilence and by the wild beasts of the earth.*

[REV 20:13] [NAS] *And the sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds.*

[REV 20:14] [NAS] *Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.*

Bible verses that deal with the “Abyss:” The abode of evil spirits; hell.³

[LUKE 8:31] [NAS] *They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss.*

[REV 9:11] [NAS] *They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.*

*[REV 11:7] [NAS] *When they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up out of the abyss will make war with them, and overcome them and kill them.*

[REV 17:8] [NAS] *"The beast that you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go to destruction. And those who dwell on the earth, whose name has not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will wonder when they see the beast, that he was and is not and will come.*

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[REV 20:1] [NAS] *Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand.*

*[REV 20:3] [NAS] *and he threw him into the abyss, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he would not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were completed; after these things he must be released for a short time.*

Bible verses that deal with the “LAKE OF FIRE:” [a place of torment](#)⁴

[REV 19:20] [NAS] *And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.*

[REV 20:10] [NAS] *And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.*

*[REV 20:14] [NAS] *Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.*

*[REV 20:15] [NAS] *And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.*

Why would we not want to go to be with Jesus Christ and spend eternity with Him? It's certainly better than the other place and as I said I'm not here to explain the other place. What do we have to do to be with Jesus for eternity? Repent first and then let some scripture explain about our love for God.

[1 JOHN 5:3] *For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.* [NAS]

[ISA 8:20] [KJV] *To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.*

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Don't go to the world for counsel, go to God. There are only two things for you to do, PRAY and meditate with God in the scriptures. Prayer is so important to know God and His will for our lives. As one person said, "Prayer is not the preparation of work, it is the work."

[ISA 9:6] [NKJ] *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*



The only counsel for daily living and wisdom will come from God and the Bible. I know this is not politically correct today, but believe me, look only to the scriptures and God for wisdom in all your decisions.

The rich man in this parable had many riches and pleasures in this earthly life, not that there is anything wrong with riches and pleasures, but when you take those riches and pleasure for your own good only and not for mankind, and they separate you from God it is a sin. Let's see what the wisest and richest man in the Bible has to say, Solomon. He calls it the futility of pleasure and possessions. Ecclesiastes 2:1-11



1 *I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure. So enjoy yourself." And behold, it too was futility.*

2 *I said of laughter, "It is madness," and of pleasure, "What does it accomplish?"*

3 *I explored with my mind how to stimulate my body with wine while my mind was guiding me wisely, and how to take hold of folly, until I could see what good there is for the sons of men to do under heaven the few years of their lives.*

4 *I enlarged my works: I built houses for myself, I planted vineyards for myself;*

5 *I made gardens and parks for myself and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees;*

6 *I made ponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees.*

7 *I bought male and female slaves and I had homeborn slaves. Also I possessed flocks and herds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem.*

8 *Also, I collected for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I provided for myself male and female singers and the pleasures of men - many concubines.*

9 Then I became great and increased more than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. My wisdom also stood by me.

10 All that my eyes desired I did not refuse them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart was pleased because of all my labor and this was my reward for all my labor.

11 Thus I considered all my activities which my hands had done and the labor which I had exerted, and behold all was vanity and striving after wind and there was no profit under the sun.

Solomon says that all life was vanity, useless, it was empty, there was nothing he didn't have or do, as the scripture says; he had everything his heart desired, but nothing on earth satisfied him. **“Only God can satisfy”**

Just remember this and I leave you with it,

“ONLY WHAT’S DONE FOR CHRIST WILL LAST.”



Tools used in Jesus' Day

"I will winnow them with a winnowing fork At the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy My people; They did not repent of their ways. [JER 15:7] [NAS]



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