

Text: 16-19- "The Rich Man & Lazarus" - (Two Compartment) Doctrine  
The doctrine of Hell - How it used to be & how it now is.

This is not a parable. This is a real description account. This is not a parable since real names and real places are used. In Jesus's parables, names are never mentioned. Jesus privileges us with a look into hell, as it existed in O.T. times before his death & resurrection. Only God Himself can provide us with this kind of insight.

19 & 20 - Two diverse lives on earth. The rich man & Lazarus.

v. 21 - Both died. Hebrews 9:27.

v. 22 & 23 - In the afterlife the two individuals take diverse courses & destinies. The beggar Lazarus went to "Abraham's bosom or paradise."

All O.T. saints that died forgiven did not go to heaven but were escorted by angels to Paradise. (Heb 11:39 & 40). Moses, Isaac, Jeremiah, & all prophets waited in this holding tank, until Messiah would come and finish his work. Then God emptied Abraham's bosom and all the OT saints went to heaven. (Eph 4:8, 1 Peter 3:19.)

Hell is a real place. In O.T. times hell & Abraham's bosom ~~was~~ co-existed side by side under the earth. Abraham was the 1<sup>st</sup> to enter Paradise.

The rich man in hell is totally conscious, alert & can see Paradise.

Therfore Everyone in hell is totally conscious. The rich man hears & sees Abraham.

v. 25 - God's righteousness will ultimately prevail.

v. 26 - In OT times there existed a great gulf between Paradise & hell. Those in hell couldn't get out & they are still there. Those in Paradise left with Jesus in his ascension. Today there is no such thing as Paradise. N.T. saints go immediately to heaven. (2 Cor. 5:8).

v. 28-31. If people on earth do not receive the testimony of all the OT & NT prophets, they will not be convinced of the reality of hell, even if someone rises from the dead.

and returns to warn them. This truth was borne out when people still did not accept the gospel, even after Jesus's resurrection.