

有一個財主穿著紫色袍和細麻布衣服，天天奢華宴樂。又有一個討飯的，名叫拉撒路，渾身生瘡，被人放在財主門口，要得財主桌子上掉下來的零碎充飢；並且狗來舐他的瘡。後來那討飯的死了，被天使帶去放在亞伯拉罕的懷裡。財主也死了，並且埋葬了。他在陰間受痛苦，舉目遠遠的望見亞伯拉罕，又望見拉撒路在他懷裡，就喊著說：我祖亞伯拉罕哪，可憐我罷！打發拉撒路來，用指頭蘸點水，涼涼我的舌頭；因為我在這火燄裡，極其痛苦。亞伯拉罕說：兒阿，你該回想你生前享過福，拉撒路也受過苦；如今他在這裡得安慰，你倒受痛苦。不但這樣，並且在你我之間，有深淵限定，以致人要從這邊過到你們那邊是不能的；要從那邊過到我們這邊也是不能的。財主說：我祖阿！既是這樣，求你打發拉撒路到我父家去；因為我還有五個弟兄，他可以對他們作見證，免得他們也來到這痛苦的地方。亞伯拉罕說：他們有摩西和先知的話可以聽從。他說：我祖亞伯拉罕哪，不是的，若有一個從死裡復活的，到他們那裡去的，他們必要悔改。亞伯拉罕說：若不聽從摩西和先知的話，就是有一個從死裡復活的，他們也是不聽勸。

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親愛的朋友，在這個故事的背後，是天國的奧秘和基督測不透的豐富。我們只能邀你一同來思考。有一個問題是與生俱來且困擾我們一生的，那就是怎樣得永生？這關乎生命的終極意義和靈魂的歸宿。而”死後且有審判“則關乎神的正義。故事中的財主，他明白自己所以受苦，不是因為有很多的財富，而是沒有信奉祖先亞伯拉罕侍奉的那位獨一的真神，所以他要求拉撒路復活出去，把陰間的事告訴在世的弟兄，使他們靈魂得救。主耶穌說“我實實在在的告訴你們，信的人有永生”。把神對世人的愛彰顯出來了。這是永生在召喚，在人類歷史長河里已經迴響兩千多年了...這是一個永世的問題，但要人在今生做出抉擇。

Dear Friends, behind this story, it is the mystery of eternal life and the unsearchable riches of Jesus Christ. We can only invite you to consider this critical question together with us: How to obtain eternal life? This question is with everyone of us, ever since we were born. It deals with our eternal value and future destiny. "And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the judgment". The rich man in the story suffered after death, is not because of his richness, but because that he did not believe the God of his father Abraham. Being in torments, he requested that Lazarus might rise from the dead to tell his brothers about these eternal judgment and salvation, so that they might be saved. In fact, Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes on Me has everlasting life." This is the true manifestation of God's love in giving us eternal life through His only begotten son. This call of eternal life, has been echoed in human history for more than 2000 years. This eternal calling, needs your response today, in this life.

There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 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; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 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 tormented in this flame. 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. 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. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Luke 16:19-31