

The Same Message and Messengers

“Abraham said to him, ‘they have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’” (Luke 16:29, New King James Version).

This is the key Bible verse for our **“Come and See”** devotional today.

Jesus stated that there was a poor man known as Lazarus who could not afford even the basic things of life and there was also a rich man who had the best of life. They both died and rose into the realm of no return, in common with everybody else who must die and then be judged. Lazarus had lost everything except his vital soul but he was given a room in Father Abraham’s bosom. On the other hand, the rich man who gained the whole world but lost his soul (as well as his name, since Jesus did not mention it), became a guest of the devil: the tormentor.

The rich man, in his endless excruciating torment, gazed up into heaven and made a small request for a drop of water to cool his tongue. In doing this, he not only asked for the right thing, but he also asked the right person, who was the same Abraham who gave strangers water to wash their feet while he was on earth. However, they were no longer on earth and the father of faith could not help, for he said: *“between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.”* (Luke 16:26, New King James Version).

Since there were no second chances in eternity, the rich man then requested someone from the dead to warn his relatives and friends about the consequences of living the life he led on earth. Again, Abraham said to him: *‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’* (Luke 16:31, New King James Version).

This message is correct although it can be conveyed by different messengers including Moses, Joshua, Apostle Paul, Peter or even through this devotional. When we look around we see that the same message is still being preached today and has not changed. That message conveys hope but with absolute obedience to the word of God: God is Love; Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. God has the final say, because Jesus died and rose for us all to have life, while all power in heaven and earth belongs to Him.

God has sent the Word once and for all, and this is confirmed in the Bible: *“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart.”* (Romans 10:8, New King James Version).

The message is now closer than ever; it can be on the radio and even with you as you are reading this devotional. It would be tragic if any one of us were to meet with the nameless rich man in eternity, so we must ensure that we reach heaven, where we are joined by your families.

Let us pray: “Father, by your Grace and Mercy help me to reach heaven,” in Jesus’ Mighty Name, Amen.

Bible References: *“And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.”* (Hebrews 9:27, New King James Version).

“But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:15b, New King James Version).

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