



## TRADING PLACES

### The Story of the Rich Man & Lazarus

(Sermon by Ray Reynolds on 8/30/09 - PM)

Text: **Luke 16:19-31**

Introduction: This story gives us a glimpse of life beyond the grave. It also shows us the danger of neglecting our soul. This parable has many interesting aspects that should be studied. Let's consider them together . . . . .

#### Discussion:

#### **I. THE RICH MAN**

He was very rich - **Luke 16:19**

He should have cared for the poor - **Proverbs 29:7**

He was a "lover" of money - **Luke 16:14-17**

He could not save himself with his riches - **Luke 18:22**

#### **II. THE POOR MAN**

He had to beg for food - **Luke 16:20**

He would have been assisted by Jesus - **Luke 7:22**

He deserved respect and attention - **James 2:1-9**

He was ignored by others - **Deuteronomy 5:7**

#### **III. THE RICH MAN'S PUNISHMENT**

The unrighteous get what they deserve - **Luke 16:23-24**

Every man must face his/her Maker - **Hebrews 9:27**

The merciful will be shown mercy on judgment day - **Matthew 25:31-46**

Salvation should be sought while possible - **II Corinthians 6:2**

#### **IV. THE POOR MAN'S REWARD**

The righteous are shown mercy - **Luke 16:23**

Abraham was saved, Lazarus was saved - **Matthew 8:11**

Paul learned contentment - **Philippians 1:21, Philippians 4:11**

The poor will always be with us - **John 12:8**

Conclusion: When your life ends you will end up in one of these two places. You will either be in Hades (which will lead you to Hell) or Paradise (which will lead you to Heaven). There are two roads that lead to those two eternal destinations. Where would you like to spend eternity? Where would you like your family to spend eternity?

WORD OF THE DAY = "Eternity"