

PICTURES FROM LIFE'S OTHER SIDE Luke 16:19-31

"Sin, not till it is left, will duly sinful seem;
Must waken first, ere he can tell his dream."
-Trench

The rich man of our story had to waken up in eternity before he could tell the dream of a wasted life.

He found out too late that what Jesus said in Matthew 6:24 was so. What Jesus said was:

1. No man can serve two masters,
2. For either he will hate the one, and love the other
3. Or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other,
4. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon. Mammon stands for two things:
 1. The love of riches.
 2. The pleasures of sin. (See Genesis 43:23)

The words which follow about at "a certain rich man" and "a certain begger" are heavy laden with very solemn and weighty meaning. Let us consider some of these lessons:

1. We learn that a man may have a beautiful appearance in the sight of men, and yet be utterly corrupt in the sight of God.
 1. This man was "clothed in purple and fine linnen. This man "fared sumptuously every day." V. 19
 2. He was like the Laodicean church so rich that he imagined himself to have "need of nothing." Rev. 3:17 Jesus said to the Laodiceans, "Because thou sayest, What did they say?"
 1. "I am rich and increased in goods and have need of nothing.." What Christ said:
 2. "Knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked...!"
- NOTE: There is often a very great difference in what men say and what Inspiration says about the same thing.

"She, not till it is left, will duly fulfill her
Almost waken first, she can tell his dream."

-Lunch-

The rich man of our story had to waken up in eternity
before he could tell the dream of a wretched life.

...found out too late that what Jesus said in
...had been said. What Jesus said was:

1. He man can serve two masters,
 2. For either he will hate the one, and love the other,
 3. Or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other.
 4. Ye cannot serve God and Mammon.
- Mammon stands for
the things:
1. The love of money.

2. The pleasures of sin. (see Genesis 43:32)

The words which follow about a "certain rich man"
and the certain beggars are heavy laden with very
serious and weighty meaning. Let us consider some of
these lessons:

1. We learn that a man may have a beautiful appearance
in the sight of men, and yet be utterly corrupt in
the sight of God.
2. This man was "clothed in purple and fine linen."
This man "laid abundantly every day." V. 12.
3. He was like the fashionable church so rich that he
laid his hands to have "need of nothing."
4. But Jesus said to the fashionable, "because
thou sayest, what did they say?"
5. "I am rich and increased in goods and have
need of nothing." What Jesus said:
6. "knowest thou not that thou art wretched, and
miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked...?"
7. There is often a very great difference
in what men say and what inspiration
says about the same thing.

2. We learn that a man ^{may} be poor and even loathsome in the eyes of his neighbor, and yet be rich and beautiful in the eyes of God. Verse 20, 21
1. The poor begger may have been, he must have been an object of disgust to many. Men forget:
 1. That the Lord looketh not upon the outward appearance. See 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 2. It was not then nor is it today an uncommon thing for the character of a poor afflicted child of God to stink in the nostrils of the covetous and wealthy man of the world.
 3. Even so, the soul of Lazarus was a precious jewel to God:
 1. That soul of Lazarus; that souls that was precious in the sight of God, lived in a casket that was in a broken condition: Lazarus' Body

