

Nine Discoveries Made Too Late

Matthew 25:31-46

1

<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">HELL</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Matthew 25:41-42, “Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels”</p>	<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">HEAVEN</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><i>Matthew 25:34, “Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”</i></p>
<p>■ <i>Matthew 25:46, “And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life.”</i></p>	

2

Nine Discoveries Made Too Late

1. Eternal Punishment Is Real. Luke 16:23; Matthew 25:46

Psalms 53:1, *“The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.” cf. Jer. 23:17*

2 *Thessalonians 1:7-9, “and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus: who shall suffer punishment, (even) eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might”*

3

Nine Discoveries Made Too Late

2. Too Late To Pray. Luke 16:24-25

- Called on Abraham for help.
- Efforts rejected.
- God heareth not sinners. John 9:31; Proverbs 28:9
 - Face of the Lord against evil. 1 Peter 3:12
- Prayer of the Righteous avails much. James 5:16
 - Righteous will not be where this rich man was. Matthew 25:46

4

Nine Discoveries Made Too Late

3. No Second Chance. Luke 16:26

- Everlasting means no change. Matthew 25:46
- Appointed once to die, then judgment. Hebrews 9:27
- All will stand before judgment, answer for things done in the body. 2 Corinthians 5:10

aiōnion

“Without beginning or end, that which always has been and always will be” (Thayer)

5

Nine Discoveries Made Too Late

4. Word of God is true. Luke 16:29

- God’s law is perfect. James 1:25
- God’s law is able to save. James 1:21
- God’s law is the standard of judgment. James 2:12
- Christ’s word ONLY words of salvation. John 6:66-68
- Must respect the word of God. 1 Thessalonians 5:21

6

Nine Discoveries Made Too Late

5. Cannot warn others. Luke 16:27-31

- ▶ Preaching is necessary. 1 Corinthians 1:21
- ▶ Must teach while alive. 2 Corinthians 4:7
- ▶ Preach while the spirit is in the body. 2 Corinthians 4:10-11

7

Nine Discoveries Made Too Late

6. Worldly possessions no good after death. Luke 16:25

- ▶ Possessions left behind for the living. Luke 16:19-21; cf. 12:20
- ▶ Trust in possessions brings sorrows. 1 Timothy 6:10
- ▶ No profit to riches without God. Matthew 16:26

8

Nine Discoveries Made Too Late

7. Sin of misused material goods. Luke 16:20-21

- ▶ We are stewards. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2
- ▶ Must give account. Luke 16:1-2; Matthew 25:14-30

9

Nine Discoveries Made Too Late

8. All must die. Luke 16:22; Hebrews 9:27; Ecclesiastes 9:5; Luke 12:16

Life is brief.

1. James 4:14, "What is your life? for ye are as a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."
2. Job 14:1-2, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble, he cometh forth like a flower and is cut down: He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not."
3. Psalms 90:10, "The days of our years are three score and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years: yet is their pride but labor and sorrows, for it is soon gone, and we fly away" Verse 12, "Teach us to number our days that we may get us a heart of wisdom."

10

Nine Discoveries Made Too Late

9. The wages of sin is death. Romans 6:23

- ▶ We reap what we sow. Galatians 6:7-8
- ▶ God not a respecter of persons. Acts 10:34-35

11

Nine Discoveries Made Too Late

1. Eternal punishment is real.
2. Too late to pray.
3. No second chance.
4. Word of God is true.
5. Cannot warn others.
6. Possessions no good after death.
7. Sin of misused material goods.
8. All must die.
9. The wages of sin is death.

2 Corinthians 6:2, "behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

12