



Job 13:9
Easy-to-Read Version

⁹ If God checked you very closely, would he see that you are right? Do you really think you can fool God the same as you fool people?

In continuing to explore the Bible for information regarding Judgment Day we will look closely at verses that have detailed meaning of the parable at Luke 16:19-31. The next verse that expresses spiritual meaning is verse *Luke 16:29 (Living Bible)*²⁹ "*But Abraham said, 'The Scriptures have warned them again and again. Your brothers can read them any time they want to.'*" The point in this passage of the parable of the rich man and Lazarus shows that the separation between the two continues to grow more and more pronounced. Since we have already seen that the rich man may not be religious at all this would only indicate that the Bible was a book of non-importance to him. Since this is a parable of divine judgment the difference between the two men again goes in favor of Lazarus being a man of God and a deeply devout believer regardless of his financial condition. The patriarch Abraham speaks frankly and explains that the Bible has warnings that were probably ignored by the people however they were always present within the Bible for all to read. What information in the Bible shows us that Jesus Christ always recalled this fact to the early Christians?

At *Luke 24:25-27 (Living Bible)*²⁵ *Then Jesus said to them, "You are such foolish, foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures!"*²⁶ *Wasn't it clearly predicted by the prophets that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his time of glory?"*²⁷ *Then Jesus quoted them passage after passage from the writings of the prophets, beginning with the book of Genesis and going right on through the Scriptures, explaining what the*

passages meant and what they said about himself. By taking his time and openly expounding the Scriptures Jesus was speak the words of the prophecy that pointed to different times in his life as the prophets always spoke of him.

In concluding the parable instruction of Judgment Day information we now look at Luke 16 verse ³¹ "*But Abraham said, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't listen even though someone rises from the dead.'*" This information tells us how the ancient world contemplated the Torah as it was often misunderstood or misapplied. This view does not acknowledge fulfillment and is considered old fashioned. The Old Testament with its warnings and prophecies were never strongly applied as a book of leadership in religious matters. When Jesus Christ arrived in the form of the New Testament the information about him does not register with the scholars. The information that he brings is rejected as unfulfilled prophecy. The footnote to the passage above tells us:

- a. Luke 16:31 *even though someone rises from the dead.* Even Christ' s resurrection failed to convince the Pharisees, to whom he gave this illustration.

What passage in the Bible helps us discern how the Old Testament and the New Testament complement each other, and how the Torah was addressed by the religious leaders of the first Century? At *John 5:39-47 (Living Bible)*³⁹ *"You search the Scriptures, for you believe they give you eternal life. And the Scriptures point to me!"*⁴⁰ *Yet you won't come to me so that I can give you this life eternal!"*⁴¹⁻⁴² *"Your approval or disapproval means nothing to me, for as I know so well, you don't have God's love within you."*⁴³ *I know, because I have come to you representing my Father and you refuse to welcome me, though you readily enough receive those who aren't sent from him, but represent only themselves!"*⁴⁴ *No wonder you can't believe! For you gladly honor each other, but you don't care about the honor that comes from the only God!"*⁴⁵ *"Yet it is not I who will accuse you of this to the Father—Moses will! Moses, on whose laws you set your hopes of heaven."*⁴⁶ *For you have refused to believe Moses. He wrote about me, but you refuse to believe him, so you refuse to believe in me."*⁴⁷ *And since you don't believe what he wrote, no wonder you don't believe me either."* In this passage Jesus Christ makes it clear that their approval or disapproval means nothing to him nor does their understanding of how to apply the Torah since they have no love of God within them. As the Old Testament prophesies and reveals a teacher the New Testament expresses that the people reject the teacher and refuses to acknowledge him or any of the information that he teaches.

The first parable at Luke 16:19-31 expresses divine Judgment and how it is administered; it explains the difference

between the two men and how it can be applied towards their actions before the face of God. Here God goes on to explain scripturally why the two men have been separated and why judgment has fallen upon them in this order. The words of the patriarch Abraham used to define judgment and the Torah written by the prophet Moses goes on to verify the law that was misunderstood and misapplied that foreshadow Jesus Christ as the Messiah that brings a new message that is often rejected for superficial reasons. Under all of this important information we have approached Judgment Day and are held accountable as being either a sheep that accepted the law and patiently applied it or rejected it as a goat that misunderstood the law. Now in going on the second parable that expresses Judgment Day we now read:

Romans 2:3-11

Names of God Bible

³ When you judge people for doing these things but then do them yourself, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Do you have contempt for God, who is very kind to you, puts up with you, and deals patiently with you? Don't you realize that it is God's kindness that is trying to lead you to him and change the way you think and act?

⁵ Since you are stubborn and don't want to change the way you think and act, you are adding to the anger that God will have against you on that day when God vents

his anger. At that time God will reveal that his decisions are fair. ⁶ He will pay all people back for what they have done. ⁷ He will give everlasting life to those who search for glory, honor, and immortality by persisting in doing what is good. But he will bring ⁸ anger and fury on those who, in selfish pride, refuse to believe the truth and who follow what is wrong. ⁹ There will be suffering and distress for every person who does evil, for Jews first and Greeks as well. ¹⁰ But there will be glory, honor, and peace for every person who does what is good, for Jews first and Greeks as well. " God does not play favorites.

In opening the second parable we are again looking for spiritual aspects that define and express Judgment Day that we can see exactly what God wants us to see. At Romans 2 verse ³ *When you judge people for doing these things but then do them yourself, do you think you will escape God's judgment?* We can see that religious scholars make a habit of judging the church but this passage explains that they were no better and could not escape the same judgment for themselves. What actions does the Bible explain to be human judgment that backfires on them? At *Matthew 23:33-36 (Names of God Bible)* ³³ *"You snakes! You poisonous snakes! How can you escape being condemned to hell? ³⁴ I'm sending you prophets, wise men, and teachers of the Scriptures. You will kill and crucify some of them. Others you will whip in your synagogues and persecute from city to city. ³⁵ As a result, you will be held accountable for all the innocent blood of those murdered on earth, from the murder of righteous Abel to that of Zechariah, son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. ³⁶ I can guarantee this truth: The people living now will be held accountable for all these things.* Since the scholars have

taken an active role in leading the church they have always been guilty of killing the prophets, Matthew 23:37. What is additional information in the Bible that acknowledges religious perversion displayed by modern day scholars? At *Mark 12:37-40 (Easy-to-Read Version)*³⁷ *David himself calls the Messiah 'Lord.' So how can the Messiah be David's son?" Many people listened to Jesus and were very pleased.*

Jesus Criticizes the Teachers of the Law

³⁸ *Jesus continued teaching. He said, "Be careful of the teachers of the law. They like to walk around wearing clothes that look important. And they love for people to show respect to them in the marketplaces. ³⁹ They love to have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰ But they cheat widows and take their homes. Then they try to make themselves look good by saying long prayers. God will punish them very much."* As time goes on the scholars are continuing to teach the people what they believe to be the best action that displays devout worship of the Mosaic Law. By the time Jesus Christ arrives on the world scene he uses the displays as examples before the crowd of the wrong way to show religious devotion to God. He publically and private teach the people by upstage the action and ways of the modern religious leaders of their time. This is the way the he can prove to people that God' s chosen ones do not confirm to excessive displays in front of crowds. What final information can we find in the Bible that expresses the mistakes of people that will be

exposed during the Second Coming of Christ? At *1 Timothy 5:24-25 (Living Bible)* ²⁴ Remember that some men, even pastors, lead sinful lives, and everyone knows it. In such situations you can do something about it. But in other cases only the judgment day will reveal the terrible truth. ²⁵ In the same way, everyone knows how much good some pastors do, but sometimes their good deeds aren't known until long afterward.

In continuing our study of the judgment Day parables we will look at Romans 2 verse 4 (*Names of God Bible*) ⁴ Do you have contempt for God, who is very kind to you, puts up with you, and deals patiently with you? Don't you realize that it is God's kindness that is trying to lead you to him and change the way you think and act? When we can understand the divine judgments better we can also see the actions of God as it is measured out. In verse 4 God asks us clearly and plainly if we can see that the parable is used to try to lead people into changing their lives. What additional information does God use in a spiritual way to guide the sheep to accurate knowledge? At *2 Timothy 2:23-26 (Living Bible)* ²³ Again I say, don't get involved in foolish arguments, which only upset people and make them angry. ²⁴ God's people must not be quarrelsome; they must be gentle, patient teachers of those who are wrong. ²⁵ Be humble when you are trying to teach those who are mixed up concerning the truth. For if you talk meekly and courteously to them, they are more likely, with God's help, to turn away from their wrong ideas and believe what is true. ²⁶ Then they will come to their senses and escape from Satan's trap of slavery to sin, which he uses to catch them whenever he likes, and then they can begin doing the will of God. The information here tells us of how God truly

wanted sheep to behave as the days of Judgment draws near. In contrast with the way we perceive Jesus Christ measuring out judgment we are supposed to understand that we are not him and could not expose the religious leaders without making a fool of ourselves. We are supposed to see that we were not pointed head of the Christian Church and cannot make decisions of Judgment as Jesus Christ did, John 16:1-4. We are supposed to just wait for the Second Coming which will openly expose everything, Hebrews 4:11-13. What passage in the Bible tells us to continue waiting patiently for our Lord? At *2 Peter 3:9-10 (Names of God Bible)* ⁹ *The Lord isn't slow to do what he promised, as some people think. Rather, he is patient for your sake. He doesn't want to destroy anyone but wants all people to have an opportunity to turn to him and change the way they think and act.* ¹⁰ *The day of the Lord will come like a thief. On that day heaven will pass away with a roaring sound. Everything that makes up the universe will burn and be destroyed. The earth and everything that people have done on it will be exposed.*

In concluding our study of the Judgment Day Parables we now look at the last verse at Romans 2 verse ⁶ *He will pay all people back for what they have done.* The whole procedure of Judgment Day will begin with clever ways that God has prepared to judge and reward humans that love him. What does the Bible expresses will be God' s plan? At *Job 34:11 (Living Bible)* *" Rather, he punishes the*

*sinner*s. During the Second Coming of Christ we can expect that God will separate people, he will reward the sheep and punish the goats, Matthew 25:31-46. What passage in the Bible tells us that God will focus on our deeds and either reward or condemn us? At *Proverbs 24:12 (Living Bible)* ¹¹⁻¹² *Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death; don't stand back and let them die. Don't try to disclaim responsibility by saying you didn't know about it. For God, who knows all hearts, knows yours, and he knows you knew! And he will reward everyone according to his deeds.* What additional information can we find? At *Ezekiel 18:30 (Living Bible)* ³⁰ *I will judge each of you, O Israel, and punish or reward each according to his own actions. Oh, turn from your sins while there is yet time.* What information does the Bible tell us will happen when Christ returns? At *Matthew 16:27 (Easy-to-Read Version)* ²⁷ *The Son of Man will come again with his Father's glory and with his angels. And he will reward everyone for what they have done.* Since the return of Christ will have all the features of God instead of a man what should be our expectations of Judgment Day? At *John 5:28-29 (Easy-to-Read Version)* ²⁸ *"Don't be surprised at this. A time is coming when all people who are dead and in their graves will hear his voice. ²⁹ Then they will come out of their graves. Those who did good in this life will rise and have eternal life. But those who did evil will rise to be judged guilty.*

