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Rich Man – Poor Man

Luke 16:14-31

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“The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. And he said to them, ‘You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.’” (ESV)

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Luke 16:19-23

“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted ...”

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Luke 16:23-26

“up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great ...”

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Luke 16:26-30

“‘chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead ...’”

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Luke 16:30-31

“‘they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

(ESV)



A Contrast in Life

Luke 16:19-21

Fine Clothes & Expensive Feasts

- **Fresh Linen** (*byssos*)
 - A fine linen garment. Used of the special undergarment wore by nobility.
- **Purple** (*porphyra*)
 - Expensive. A sign of great wealth.
- **Feasted sumptuously** (*lamprōs, 1x*) **every day**
 - Joyful, extravagant, luxurious, splendid.



A Contrast in Death

Luke 16:22

Death is Not the End

- When death takes place, the spirit leaves the body. But rather than being an end—it is the beginning of a whole new existence.

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A Contrast in Eternity

Luke 16:23-25

Two Destinies

- **Hades**

- **The temporary realm of the dead of the wicked as they await judgment.**

- Torment and anguish are used 2x each in our passage.

- **Torment** (*basanos*)—great pain, torture.

- **Anguish** (*odynaō*)—grief, mourning.

Two Destinies

- **Hades**

- The temporary realm of the dead of the wicked as they await judgment.

- **Abraham's side** (paradise)

- **The temporary realm of the righteous dead who will share in God's blessing.**
 - Called a place of comfort (25)



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- **Matthew** 3:7-12; 5:21-30; 7:13-14; 8:5-34; 10:26-33; 11:20-24; 13:24-50; 16:18-20; 23:13-36; 24:45-51; 25:14-46; **Mark** 8:34-38; 9:42-47; **Luke** 3:1-20; 8:26-40; 9:23-26; 12:1-12; 13:22-30; 16: 19-31; **John** 15:1-11; **Acts** 1:15-26; **Romans** 9:14-29; **Philippians** 3:17-4:1; **2 Thessalonians** 1:3-12; **Hebrews** 6:1-8; 10:26-39; **James** 3:1-12; **2 Peter** 2:4-17; **Jude** 5-15; 20-23; **Revelation** 2:8-11; 9:1-12; 11:7-10; 14:6-13; 19:17-21; 20:1-3; 7-15; 21:1-8; **Etc.**

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Revelation 20:13-14

“Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.”

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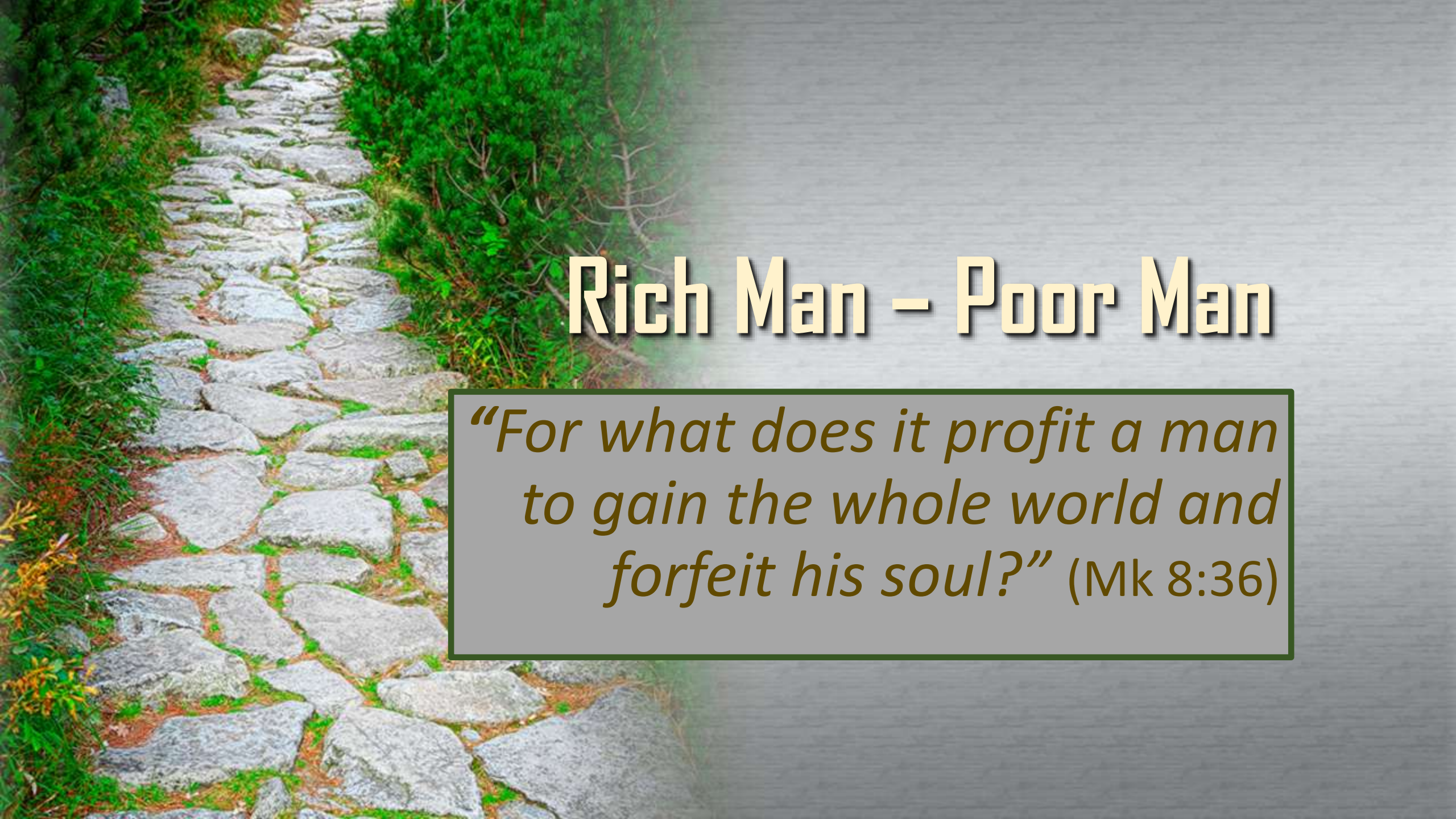
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“For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?” (Mk 8:36)