

"The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully."

A Contradiction In Terms

Luke 12:16-21

It is an incontestable fact that worldly goods cannot keep the soul alive — not even an abundance. Life is primarily spiritual. It is not a question of what a man has but what a man is. What does one mean when asking, "How much is he worth?" Man is distinct from his possessions. They are one thing, he is another. It is possible to buy books and still be illiterate.

The story suggests that the farmer's biggest problem was where to invest his money. He apparently had not read the "prospectus" of Proverbs 19:17: *"He who is gracious to a poor man lends to the Lord, and He will pay him for his good deeds."*

The farmer had a worldly-wise attitude." Note that he consulted no one. What he had was not a godsend but a windfall. To what do we object with the man? Not with his production. Ships should be in water, but not water in the ship. Not with his prosperity. Success is a great test. He showed industry and diligence.

His error was in providing only for the body. Too many give themselves to money, athletics, pleasure, business success, but there is no spiritual satisfaction. Bodies die, souls never do. He mistook time for eternity. Though he had more than adequate resources for time, he had given no thought or preparation for what follows death.

There lies his mistake. How about you?

- Charles Jackson, *Bulletin Digest* -

CHRISTIANITY IS UNIQUE

Among world religions, Christianity stands alone. The Uniqueness of Christianity can be seen in:

The Cross. The tragedy of the cross was foolishness to the Gentiles and a stumbling block for the Jews. No Jew ever thought of a dead Messiah. Gentiles did not follow men who were crucified as common criminals. Would you have ever dreamed of a Savior, a King, the Messiah dying on a cross? No. And neither did anybody else until the death of Jesus Christ.

The Tomb. The burial of Jesus speaks to us of His morality. He was human. God in the flesh. The consequence of sin is death. (Romans 3:23). Christ died because of sin — not His, but ours. (Romans 4:25; 1 Corinthians 5:3). In the mind of man we see subjects dying for their king; in Christianity, the King died for His subjects.

The New Life. Today there is an empty tomb on the hill overlooking Jerusalem. Other religions of the world follow a dead savior, priest or prophet. But Jesus lives! Here it is: If your savior, priest or prophet is still in his grave, you will stay there also. What other religion promises a resurrected body?

Death, Burial, Resurrection. Christianity is unique!

- Randall Caselman, *Bulletin Digest* -

What this country needs is more free speech worth listening to.

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: ALL services are now at the church building. **Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.** The Covid-19 restrictions (masks & distancing) still apply.

IN SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY: Each Sunday, 7:30 a.m., WTRF, Channel 7 (Wheeling), ending on this channel Nov. 15th. Now and each succeeding Sunday at 8:30 a.m., WTOV, Channel 9 (Steubenville).

PANTRY: Baked beans.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Jenny Rhodes, Cam Adamson, Charlie Delong, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX:** Tom Postlethwait. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 110). **BERKELEY SPRINGS REHABILITATION CENTER,** Ernest Robinson, 456 Autumn Acres Road, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411. **ORCHARDS OF EL REHAB:** Rich Owen. **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham (address on bulletin board). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

I Am the Bible

I am the Bible, God's wonderful library.

I am always — and above all — the truth.

To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.

To the one who sits in darkness, I am glorious light.

To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.

To him who has lost his way, I am a safe guide.

To those who are sick in sin, I am healing strength and forgiveness.

To the discouraged, I am a glad message of hope.

To those who are distressed and tossed about by the storms of life,

I am an anchor, sure and steady.

To those who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the World.

I am the Bible, God's holy Word.

- Author Unknown (via Rivergate Messenger, Madison, TN) -

What if I say ...

The Bible is God's holy Law. Complete, inspired, without a flaw —

But never read that precious Word; never by its message stirred,
Nor ask His help along the way, does it matter what I say?

What if I go not there to seek the truth of which I glibly speak,
For guidance on this earthly way — does it matter what I say?

- Author Unknown -

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