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Parables book review

During the days of Jesus, Parables was how Jesus communicated and not just how Jesus communicated. Parables were looked to be short and odd stories. Nevertheless, in the challenges of Jesus Parables gives an explanation on the parables and breaks down each parable. Mostly how in the Challenge of Jesus Parables Stephen I right breaks down the Rich Man with Lazarus to contribute to the idea of Poor in Spirit. Due to the fact that when Lazarus died he went to Heaven with the Angels while the Rich Man died and to hell and was looking to get away. Further illustrating, the fifth Chapter of Matthew, " "Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." In addition, the undeniable fact that earthen vessels can grant into the Kingdom but, it is important to first the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you.

In the Parable of the Rich man with Lazarus Jesus is teaching that Heaven and Hell are both real and man can not rely on earthly possessions to get into heaven with the understanding that you could be successful on earth but miss Heaven. The text states, "There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: and there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments,

and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime received thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." In the book Stephen I. Wright Illustrates in this Parable that prophetic and practical message. Wright states, " The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus is, therefore, like the two other parables we have considered, for it has both a prophetic and a practi- cal message. Prophetically, obscene injustice is held up for all to behold and denounce. It is revealed to be temporary - though the yawning gulf between human beings in which that injustice had been expressed is shown to persist even beyond death. The rich man has put himself outside the family circle of "father" Abraham. And if his brothers continue in the same ways, they will do so too." Which also, further contributes to the idea of Poor in Spirit due to the fact that the Rich is exposed for sin and poor gains an inheritance of the kingdom of God. Also shows that one of the torments is that Man can view Heaven and the Angels in Heaven .

In Conclusion, challenges of Jesus Parables give an explanation on the parables and breaks down each parable. Mostly how in the Challenge of Jesus Parables Stephen I right breaks down the Rich Man with Lazarus to contribute to the idea of Poor in Spirit.

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