Something In Hades Every Person Should Know

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INTRODUCTION

- For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.
- What men may highly regard as success is not really what always God would regard as success.
- The lesson I want to talk about today from this story are some things in Hades that every person should know.

1 There's Consciousness After Death

Ecclesiastes 12:7; Matthew 22:31; Revelation 6

- The reality is the scriptures teach there is consciousness after death.
- The dust returns to the earth from which it came, and the spirit returns unto God who gave it.
- God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.
- They're conscious, crying out before the Lord, even though physically they have been put to death.

2 There's No Second Chance After Death

Hebrews 9:27; Acts 17; Matthew 10:28

- For the rich man is too late. There's no second chance after death. It is appointed for men once to die after this the judgment.
- It isn't that we just cease to exist. But there is a great gulf between the two.
- It's important that we have a recognition that how we live here now determines our destiny.
- The time to obey is now, not right after we die, as though, oh, the Lord will save us anyway, or there'll be a second chance.

3 Torment Is Worse Than Death Itself

Hebrews 10:26–29; Revelation 21:8; Matthew 25:41–46

- This story of Jesus that he told teaches us that really torment is worse than death itself.
- Fire is a description of some of the worst things we can think of.
- Death itself is not the worst thing that can happen.
- The second death is that eternal separation from God, but described as being worse than death itself.

4 Hearing God's Word Is Essential

John 12:48

- Another thing that every person should know that we learn from this text, that hearing God's word is essential.

- It is so important that we spend some time with the Word of God, that we not only for ourselves, but also for those we love, plead and beg and teach the will of God.
- Taking vengeance on those who do not know God and those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- That we know by what means we shall be judged. By the word of God.

5 The Judgment Day Proves That God Is Just

Jude 15; Revelation 15:3; Philippians 2

- The judgment day on the Lord's side is to prove that God is just, that he is righteous in his decisions.
- To execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds.
- Just and true are your ways, O King of the Saints.
- There's going to be a time when all will recognize the justice and the righteousness of God, even for those who spend eternity in a place of torment.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **If you know there's something that God's commandment that you still need to obey, I hope you won't put it off.**

MY NOTES