

"IF HADES COULD ONLY TALK!"

Luke 16: 19-31

"Hades, Sheol, Tartarus is a place of disembodied spirits"

1. *Luke 16:22.* There isn't any *body* down there!

Gen. 3:17-19; Acts 2:27,31. No soul sleep. The grave isn't where the soul resides. *Gen. 37:33,35; Isa. 14:15,19.*

2. *Luke 16:23.* There isn't any leisure time, vacations or holidays down there. *Matt. 13:50; Mark 9:43-48.*

It will not be *party time* with your friends!!!! No! No! No!

3. *Luke 16:24.* Mercy, mercy. There isn't any mercy.

Contrast *Rev. 21:4.* R.I.P.? Never!

4. *Luke 16:25.* There isn't any future in this place. Only difficult times. Just reminiscence of the past, the haunting past.

If you live in the past you have no future. Contrast *Isa. 65:17.*

5. *Luke 16:26.* There aren't any round trip flights out of there.

There are no exits or doors or bridges. No run-a-ways, railways, bus lines, taxi-cabs, no airports. Your fate is sealed! *Matt. 25:46; Rev. 20:14.*

6. *Luke 16:27-31.* There aren't any missionaries sent forth. No

Jesus unmasks the demand for signs as a deception concealing a refusal to repent. Anyone who does not believe the final word of God going forth in him will not be brought to repentance even by miracles (cf. Lk. 16:27 ff.).