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A. D. 29. LESSON IV. THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS; or, Here and Hereafter. Luke 16, 19-31, October 27th.

EXPLANATORY

Verse 19. Rich man. He is not represented as a wicked man, but a prosperous worldly man, who possesses an abundant portion in this life, and has no care for the world beyond. The only crime laid at his door is a lack of sympathy for his fellow-man, and a neglect of his own eternal interest.

20, 21. Beggar. Literally, "a poor man," though the context expresses the idea of his begging. Lazarus. The Master leaves the rich man's name unmentioned, but notices that of the beggar.

22. Beggar died. His wants reached a climax; his sufferings found their end in the arms of death. Was carried. This death was not the end of his life.

23. In hell. "Hades," the invisible world, the place of departed spirits, with its two widely severed portions, Paradise, the abode of the righteous, and the dreary dwelling-place of the wicked.

24, 25, 26. Father Abraham. "There are many in hell that call Abraham father," descends from a saint will not save a soul. Have mercy. He asks not to enter heaven, for therein he has no congeniality, but only to be released somewhat from the miseries of his lost state.

25. "There is a realm within whose portals prayer has no avail." In this name. Not an actual name, for that would have no power to touch a spirit, but an agony of soul, of which fire is the only expression.

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