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# WRESTLING WITH GOD

"THE EXISTENCE OF HELL"

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**TEXT:** Luke 16:19-31

"In our culture, divine judgment is one of Christianity's most offensive doctrines." –Pastor/Author Timothy Keller

Jesus often spoke of the realities of heaven and hell. In today's passage, Jesus tells a story that can help frame our apologetical defense of the doctrine of hell.

1) Jesus affirms there is an afterlife with two destinations (vv. 19-23).

**TRUTH:** Our dislike of a premise does not make it less true.

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2) Jesus confirms that the destination for our afterlife is sealed by the choices made before death (vv. 24-26).

**THE QUESTION:** Is God's justice fair and consistent with love?

**RESPONSE:**

- God has lovingly pursued and desired every person.
- God honors each person's free choice.
- God's holiness demands eternal punishment for sin.

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3) The death and resurrection of Jesus on the cross becomes even more glorious for the redeemed.

**TRUTH:** To minimize our sin or God's character is to cheapen both heaven and hell.

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Additional Resources:

- YouTube channel: Christianity Still Makes Sense with Dr. Bobby Conway
- *Is Hell for Real or Does Everyone Go to Heaven?* by Timothy Keller, Al Mahler, J.I. Packer, and Robert Yarbrough
- *The Big Book of Apologetics* by Norman L. Geisler

