**Hell's Best Kept Secret**

(Luke 16:19-24 KJV)

*19There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:20And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,21And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.22And 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;23And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.24And 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.*

A

n extremely nervous patient came to his dentist for root canal surgery. He was brought into the examining room and made comfortable in the reclining dental chair. The dentist then injected a numbing agent around the patient's tooth, and left the room for a few minutes while the medication took hold. When the dentist returned, the patient was standing next to a tray of dental equipment. "What are you doing by the surgical instruments?" asked the surprised dentist. Focused on his task, the patient replied, "I'm taking out the ones I don't like."

When it comes to the biblical teachings in the Bible, there are people who like to pick and choose the parts they can keep and the parts they can throw away. Unfortunately whenever it comes to the discussion of hell—we can pick and choose to believe it, but we cannot dispel the dispensation of hell's reality.

In a 2008 survey it revealed that approximately 59% of Americans believe that hell is a literal place of punishment. Surprisely, that means that 41% of Americans are swimming around in unbelief that hell is not real.

The subject of Hell isn't a very popular subject, but it is, indeed, a very important subject. Jesus preached often about this horrific and horrible place for one basic reason: Jesus does not want us to go there! So I would like to share with you, "**Hell's Best Kept Secrets**!"

“*The Contrasts after Death*”

1. **The Persons In The Contrasts:**

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**Hell wants you to remain ignorant that it even exists!!!**

This is the story of a rich man who lived and died without God. It moves into another dimension that we have no knowledge about. In this parable the Lord passes from this world to the next without making any break at all. Although we cannot penetrate the curtain between this life and the next life, our Lord speaks of the next world as naturally as He speaks of this current life in which we live.