**CHAPTER 16**

*The parable of the unjust steward: of the rich man and Lazarus.*

**1** And he said also to his disciples: There was a certain rich man who had a steward: and the same was accused unto him, that he had wasted his goods.

**2** And he called him, and said to him: How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship: for now thou canst be steward no longer.

**3** And the steward said within himself: What shall I do, because my lord taketh away from me the stewardship? To dig I am not able; to beg I am ashamed.

**4** I know what I will do, that when I shall be removed from the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses.

**5** Therefore calling together every one of his lord’s debtors, he said to the first: How much dost thou owe my lord?

**6** But he said: An hundred barrels of oil. And he said to him: Take thy bill and sit down quickly, and write fifty.

**7** Then he said to another: And how much dost thou owe? Who said: An hundred quarters of wheat. He said to him: Take thy bill, and write eighty.

**8** And the lord commended the unjust steward, forasmuch as he had done wisely: for the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light.

**9** And I say to you: Make unto you friends of the mammon of iniquity; that when you shall fail, they may receive you into everlasting dwellings.

**10** He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in that which is greater: and he that is unjust in that which is little, is unjust also in that which is greater.

**11** If then you have not been faithful in the unjust mammon; who will trust you with that which is the true?

**12** And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s; who will give you that which is your own?

**13** No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

**14** Now the Pharisees, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him.

**15** And he said to them: You are they who justify yourselves before men, but God knoweth your hearts; for that which is high to men, is an abomination before God.

**16** The law and the prophets were until John; from that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every one useth violence towards it.

**17** And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fall.

**18** Every one that putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and he that marrieth her that is put away from her husband, committeth adultery.

**19** There was a certain rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen; and feasted sumptuously every day.

**20** And there was a certain beggar, named Lazarus, who lay at his gate, full of sores,

**21** Desiring to be filled with the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table, and no one did give him; moreover the dogs came, and licked his sores.

**22** And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom. And the rich man also died: and he was buried in hell.

**23** And lifting up his eyes when he was in torments, he saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom:

**24** And he cried, and said: Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, to cool my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame.

**25** And Abraham said to him: Son, remember that thou didst receive good things in thy lifetime, and likewise Lazarus evil things, but now he is comforted; and thou art tormented.

**26** And besides all this, between us and you, there is fixed a great chaos: so that they who would pass from hence to you, cannot, nor from thence come hither.

**27** And he said: Then, father, I beseech thee, that thou wouldst send him to my father’s house, for I have five brethren,

**28** That he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torments.

**29** And Abraham said to him: They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

**30** But he said: No, father Abraham: but if one went to them from the dead, they will do penance.

**31** And he said to him: If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they believe, if one rise again from the dead.