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Luke 16:19-31

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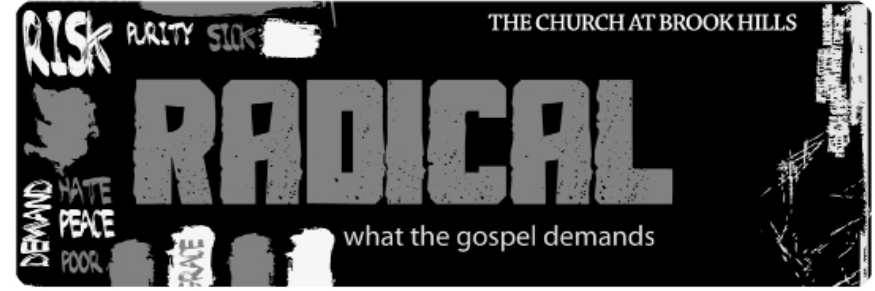
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  - ▶ Jesus' presence is our **hope**.
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  - ▶ Jesus' words are our **authority**.
- We avoid lethargy...
  - ▶ Jesus' glory is our **goal**.

**The Story...**

- A Divine Contrast:
  - ▶ God responds to the needs of the poor with **compassion**.
  - ▶ God responds to those who neglect the poor with **condemnation**.
- An Eternal Consequence:  
If we indulge ourselves and neglect the poor...
  - ▶ Earth will be our **heaven**.
  - ▶ Eternity will be our **hell**.
- A Clear Choice:
  - ▶ Continue in hollow **religion** that neglects the poor.
    - Caring for the poor is not an optional **extra** in salvation.
    - Caring for the poor is necessary **evidence** of salvation.
  - ▶ Turn in honest **repentance** to care for the poor.
    - Hear the Word **humbly**.
    - Obey the Word **quickly**.

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