

Nightmare  
Luke 16:19-26  
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Thesis: I want to show what the Christian should fear.

- Intro:
1. Everyone at some point in there life has had at least one “nightmare”.
  2. Sometimes it’s a dream that is so vivid that we never forget it.

I. What is a nightmare?

A. Definition

1. Definition - A nightmare, also called a bad dream, is an unpleasant dream that can cause a strong emotional response from the mind, typically fear but also despair, anxiety and great sadness...people remain asleep during bad dreams whereas nightmares can awaken individuals. The dream may contain situations of discomfort, psychological or physical terror or panic. After a nightmare, a person will often awaken in a state of distress and may be unable to return to sleep for a short period of time.
2. The word "nightmare" is derived from the Old English "mare", a mythological demon or goblin who torments others with frightening dreams.

B. What frightens you?

1. What do you fear? An object? An animal? A sickness?
2. What should frighten the Christian?
  - a. **Mt 10:28**

II. Nightmarish descriptions in the Scriptures

A. Hades

1. A place of wailing and gnashing of teeth (**Lk 13:22-28**)
2. A place reserved for those who have not obeyed God.

B. Where the nightmare never ends.

1. The 2nd death, the lake of Fire (**Revelation 21:8**)
  - a. From this place, there is no escape.
2. The Christian only has to face death once, not so for the disobedient (**Heb 9:27-28**)
  - a. He appears for salvation but only for those who love Him (**2 Tim 4:8**)

III. Lessons for us today.

A. The nightmare of a certain rich man (*Lk 16:19-31*)

1. By implication this certain rich man did not know God thus he was separated from Him. (**Lk 16:19-23**)
2. His 4-fold nightmare
  - a. He was tormented (**Lk 16:24**)
  - b. There was no relief for even a moment (**Lk 16:25-26**)
  - c. There was no escape (**Lk 16:26**)
  - d. He could not warn others (**Lk 16:27-28**)

B. The peaceful rest of Lazarus

1. In this place Lazarus was not finally able to find comfort (**Lk 16:25**)
- 2.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Who will see Christ once and never again?
2. Who will dwell with Him for eternity?
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9