

Practical Religion / J.C. Ryle

Chapter 13 / Riches and Poverty

"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. ²⁰ "But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹ "desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ "And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. (Luke 16:19-23 NKJ)

What was Ryle referring to when he quotes the famous Arabian standard of eloquence – “He speaks the best who turns the ear into an eye”?

What did the rich man and Lazarus have in common? How were they different?

True or false – Do poor people always go to Heaven?

True or false – Do rich people always go to Hell?

Will politics ever cause the poor to cease from the land? Why or why not? See Deuteronomy 15:11

Which is the real problem, the main cause of trouble, economic disparity or sin?

What according to Ryle are the rich man and Lazarus emblems of?

Does a man's temporal condition show us the condition of his soul? See Ecclesiastes 10:19; Proverbs 14:20

Lazarus though poor in this world's goods was in highest sense rich. What riches did Lazarus have?

How should we measure men? Not by the amount of their income but by the _____ of their _____.

Which is more important in God's sight a converted beggar or an unconverted king? How does Ryle describe each one?

Who were these people?

Obadiah vs. Ahab

Ridley and Latimer vs. Bonner and Gardiner

Baxter vs. Jeffreys

Are riches always a blessing? Is poverty always a curse? Why is each of these often opposite of what most people think?

What is one important secret of happiness in this life?

What is John Bunyan's golden rule? _____

_____ - _____

What does this rule mean?

What are the benefits of being a believer, list four of your favorites?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What does Jesus' parable teach us about the soul ruining sin of selfishness?

(a)

(b)

(c)

What does Ryle mean when he says riches chill or freeze? What else do they do?

(d)

Do Ryle's comments about England in his day still apply today?

What advice does Ryle give to those who have money?

What advice does he give those who have little or no money? Does this advice seem strange? Is it (in your opinion) true and good advice?

What according to Ryle is the one true and best remedy for selfishness?