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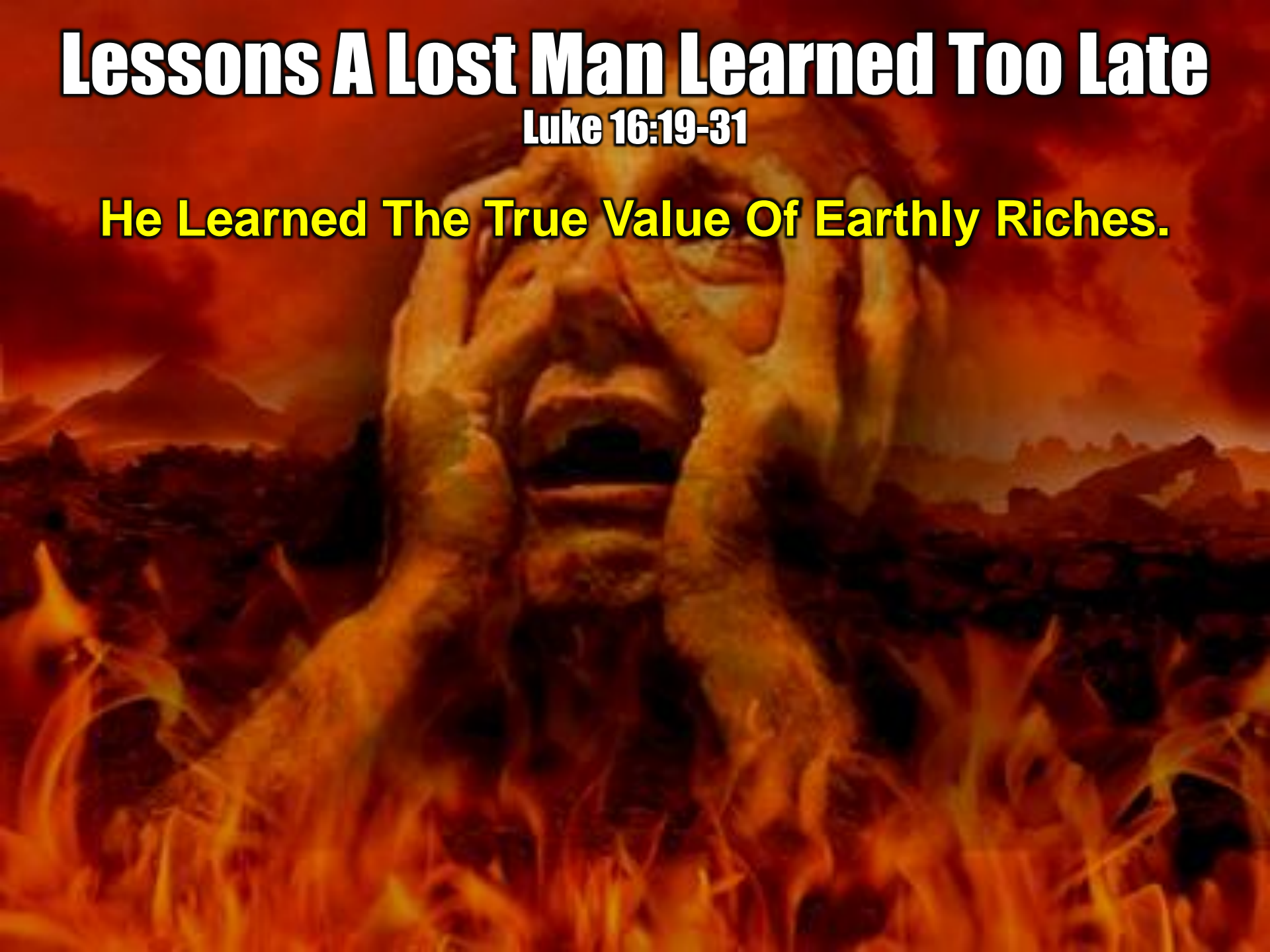
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Important Lessons for us to consider...

**Wealth and prosperity IS NOT
where our focus should be!**

I Timothy 6:17-19 - Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to **trust in uncertain riches** but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

18 Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share,

19 storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

I Timothy 6:10 - **For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil**, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and **pierced themselves through with many sorrows..**

Matthew 16:26 - **For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?** Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

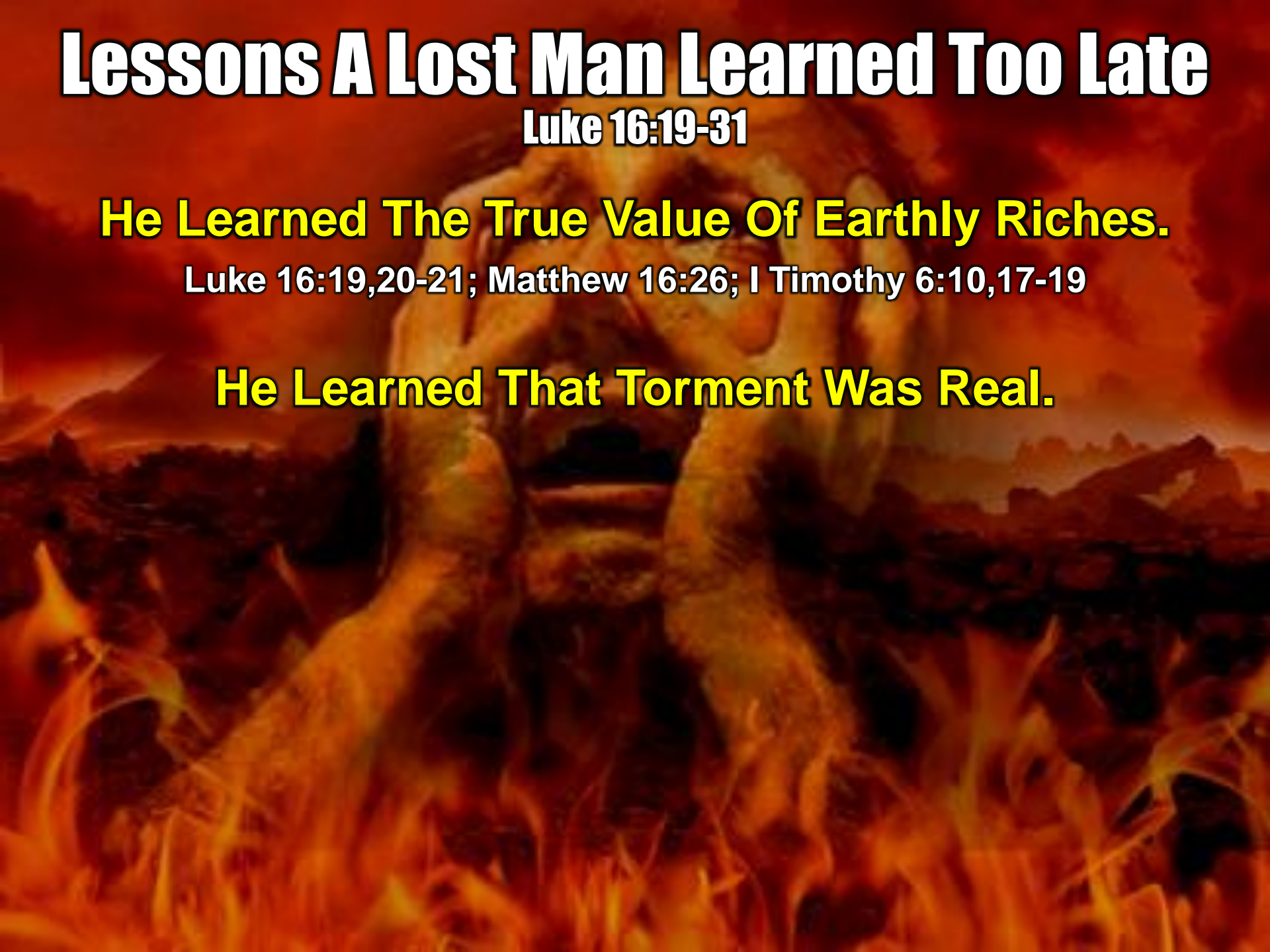
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**This torment was
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Important Lessons for us to consider...

**Punishment is eternal it IS NOT
For a limited time!**

Matthew 25:41 - Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

Mark 9:44-45 - "where 'Their worm does not die, And the fire is not quenched.'

45 "And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched--

II Thessalonians 1:8-9 - in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

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**Changes needed to take place
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**We learn that repentance IS NOT
continuing to live the way I want!**

Luke 13:1-3 - There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And Jesus answered and said to them, "Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things?

3 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.-.

Acts 26:20 - "but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.-

Acts 2:38 - Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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If you are going to prepare for heaven it IS NOT something done after death!

Joshua. 24:15 - "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, **choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve**, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

II Corinthians 6:2 - For He says: "In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, **now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.**

James 4:14 - **whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.**

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We ALL Will Learn These Lessons!