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I will assume that everyone has heard the news that Ronald Reagan has died at the age of 93. The one thing that I do not see in any of the articles about Ronald Reagan or any one else who has passed away is what happens next. The Bible tells us that the judgment is the next thing to happen.

Hebrews 9:27-28

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

There is a judgment coming for all of us. The day is coming when we will stand face to face with Jesus Christ The Judge. That is the day when there is no more repentance. There is no longer an option for mercy. When you face Jesus as your judge, the savior Jesus is no longer available. You had your chance while you were in human form, but now that you are a member of the spirit universe, the forgiving Savior Jesus Christ is now the Judge!

Those who have rejected the saving gospel while they were in physical form, are now facing a judgment for all eternity. Just like the rich man and Lazarus, when the rich man ended up in hell, he begged for a single drop of water. The choice is yours where you spend eternity. If you choose to accept Jesus as your savior, then the flames of hell will be far away. On the other hand, if you refuse to live as the

Lord wants you to live, insisting that it is your life and that you can do anything you please, you will find yourself in this predicament.

Luke 16:19-31

19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:

20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,

21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: 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: the rich man also died, and was buried;
23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth 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, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's

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house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

The rich man did not care to hear the salvation message like many who do not want to hear it today. Many consider the Christian to be a fanatic fundamentalist, who just cares about the after life and not the world we inhabit. How many times have you heard someone comment about some street preacher bothering them? The other day my neighbor made a disparaging remark about a street preacher preaching in the subway. She would have liked to silence the preacher who was trying to save her soul from the flames of hell.

The choice is yours whether Jesus Christ is your savior or your judge. Those who refuse to accept the salvation message of Jesus Christ will find themselves facing an angry God. Those who choose to live a life filled with sin, will find themselves facing an eternity of fire and brimstone.

The choices you make today will determine where you will spend eternity in the spirit world. If you choose today to follow Jesus Christ the Lord and seek his divine forgiveness, you will find that there is a mansion waiting for you in heaven. Conversely, those who want to live a life of ease, not caring about the afterlife, will find that their choices were in great error. Like the rich man Jesus told about, he realized that it

was too late to repent and ask for forgiveness. Will that happen to you? Will you find yourself facing Jesus Christ The Judge, wanting to repent, but finding that the day for repentance is over?

Many will find themselves in this horrible condition for they refused the righteousness of Jesus while they had time. They thought that they were enjoying life and that church was for old ladies and children. When you meet Jesus face to face, will he be your savior or your judge? Will that be a good day for you, or a wretched day where all of your hidden sins are broadcast for all to see?

Revelation 20:10-15

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

This is not a fantasy. This is what is really going to happen. Is your name written in the book of life? If Jesus is your savior, your name

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is written in the book of life and your sins are under the blood of the lamb. On the other hand, those who want to live a wanton life where they do not have a care about eternity will find themselves facing eternal torment. Kings, queens, presidents, rich, poor, and every class will meet in the lake of fire on common ground as sinners who rejected God's salvation plan. The day of judgment is closer than you think.

Are you prepared if the day of judgment is today? Are you ready to meet Jesus? As a nation in mourning for their former president, we should reflect on our preparations to meet the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Now is the day of salvation.
- Forgiveness is available today
- Jesus is seeking you

Won't accept the gift of salvation today from the one who gave his life so that you can live?

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