

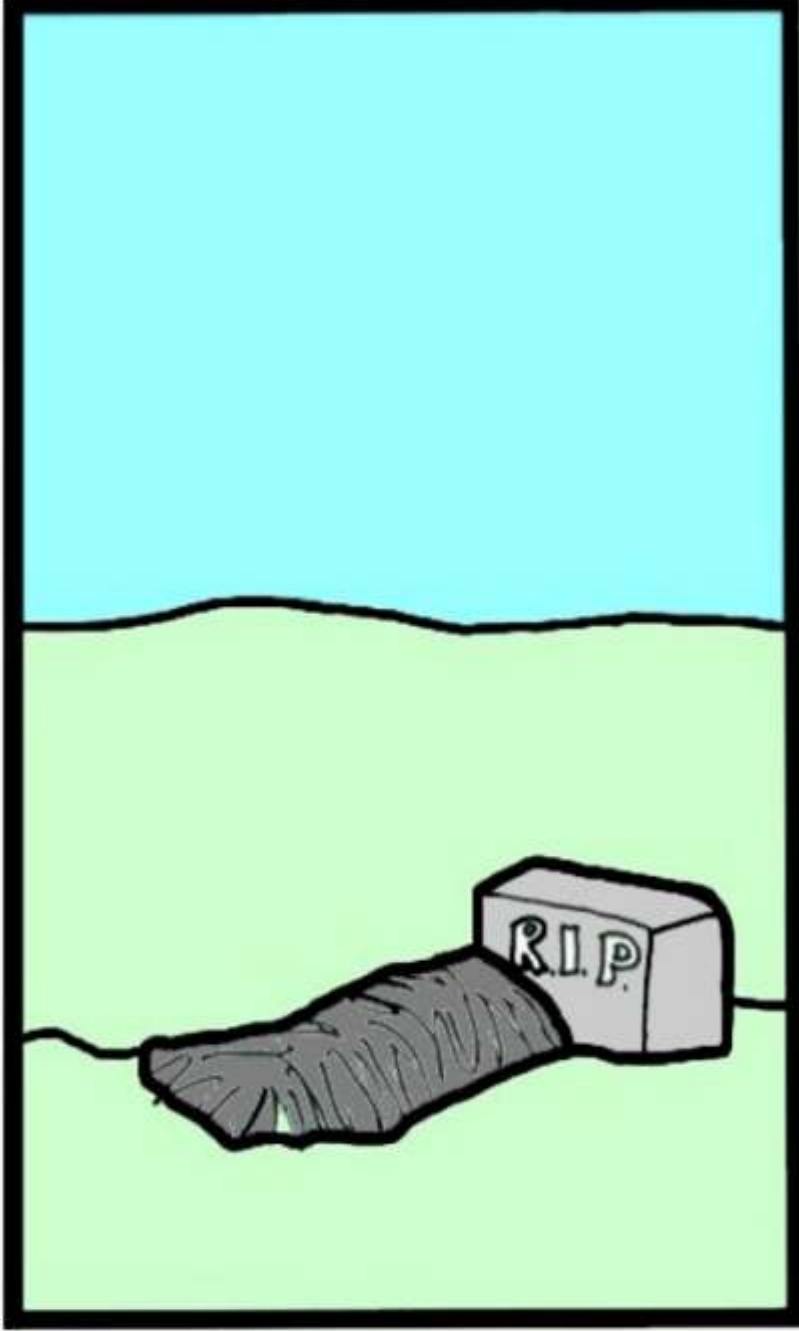
Rich Man and Lazarus

(Based on Luke 16:19-31)

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Jesus said, "There was a rich man who everyday wore fancy purple clothes and ate the finest food. Outside his gate, lay a poor beggar named Lazarus. Lazarus wished he could eat the rich man's table scraps. He had sores all over his body and dogs used to come and lick them. 62-02



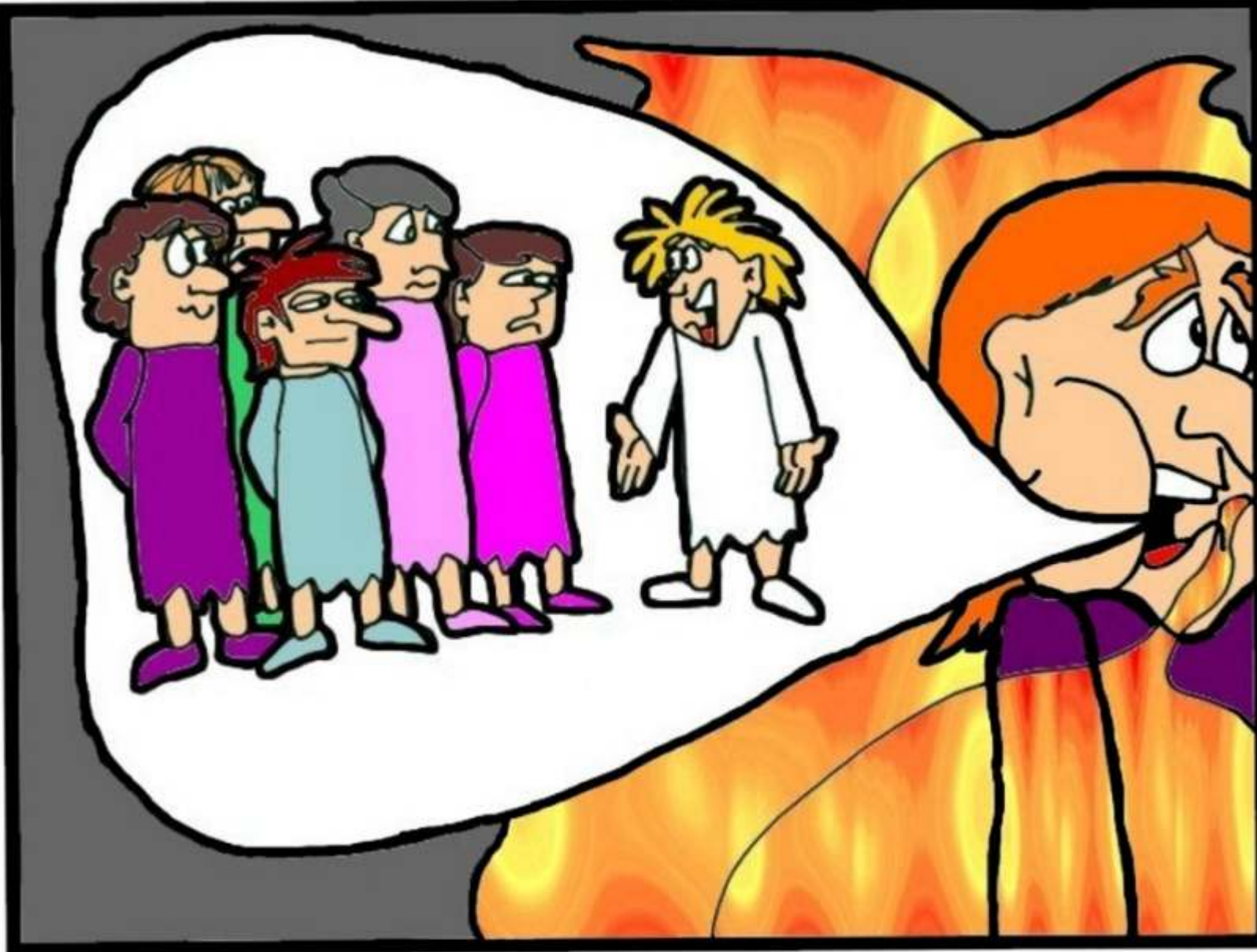
One day the beggar died and the angels came and carried him to a place called Abraham's Bosom. The rich man died and was buried.



The rich man was in Hell. He could see Abraham far away, and Lazarus was with him. The rich man cried, 'Father Abraham! Send Lazarus to me. He can dip his finger in some water and put the water on my tongue because I am in agony in this fire.'



Abraham answered, 'Son remember that when you were alive, you received good things. Lazarus had bad things. Here, he is comforted and you are in agony. Besides there is a huge chasm so that none from there or here can cross over.'



‘Then send Lazarus to speak to my five brothers so that they don't come to this terrible place,’ begged the rich man. Abraham answered, ‘They have the bible written by Moses and the prophets. They can listen to their words.’



‘No!!! But if someone goes to them from the dead, then they will change,’ cried the rich man. ‘If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't change even if someone rises from the dead,’ answered Abraham.



Lord, help me to always take your word seriously and live my life to please you so that I have no regrets like the rich man had.