



THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS

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LUKE 16:19-31

- The Rich Man and Lazarus
- 19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.
- 22 "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

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- 25 “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’
- 27 “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

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- 29 “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’
- 30 “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’
- 31 “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”



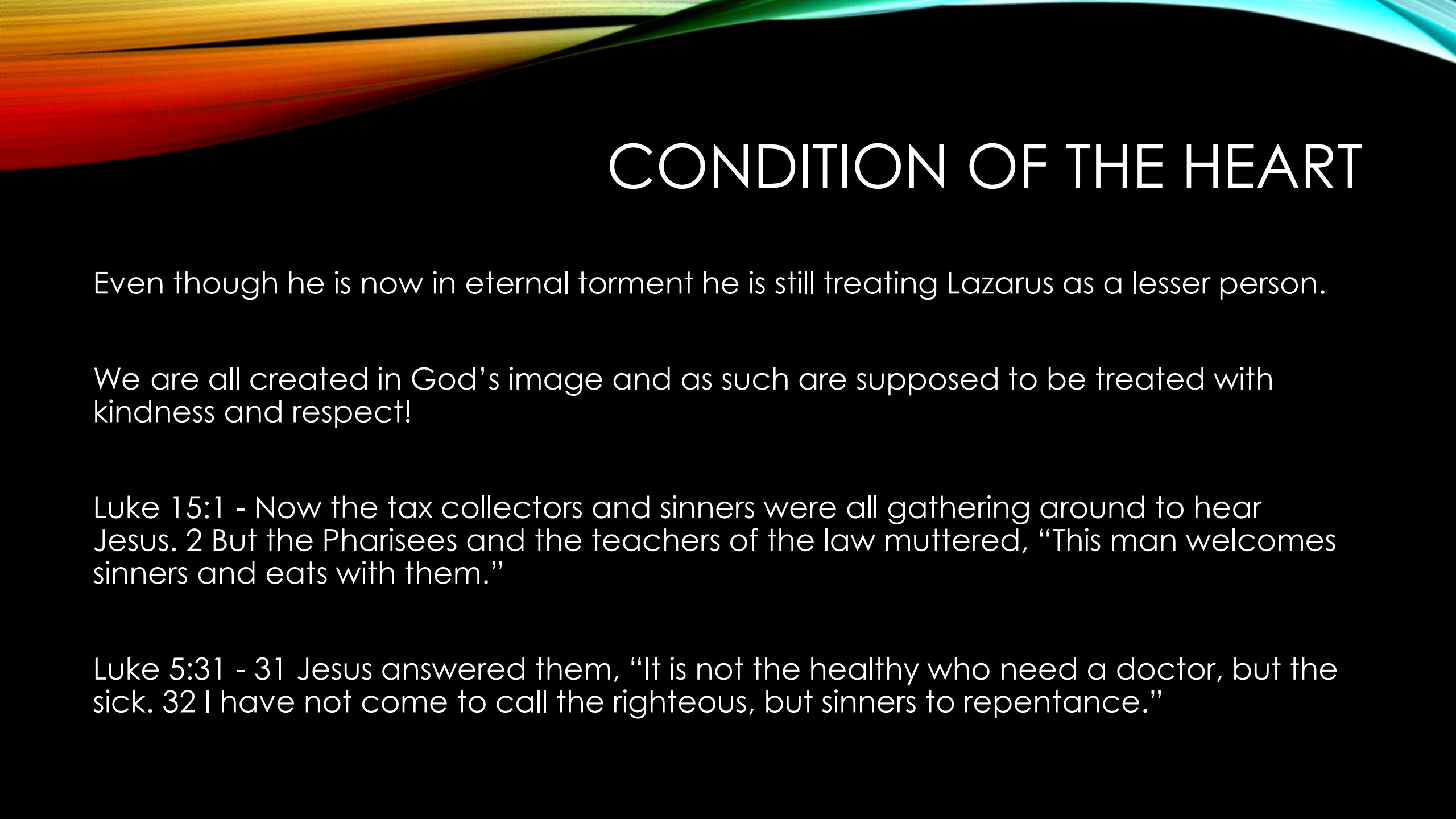
THE CHARACTERS

- The Rich Man
 - Dressed in purple
 - Fine Linen
 - Lived in luxury
- Lazarus
 - Beggar
 - Covered in sores
 - Starving
 - Dogs licking his sores

HEAVEN AND HELL

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- Lazarus taken by angels to “Abrahams Bosom” - Heaven
- Rich man buried and gone to Hades - Hell



CONDITION OF THE HEART

Even though he is now in eternal torment he is still treating Lazarus as a lesser person.

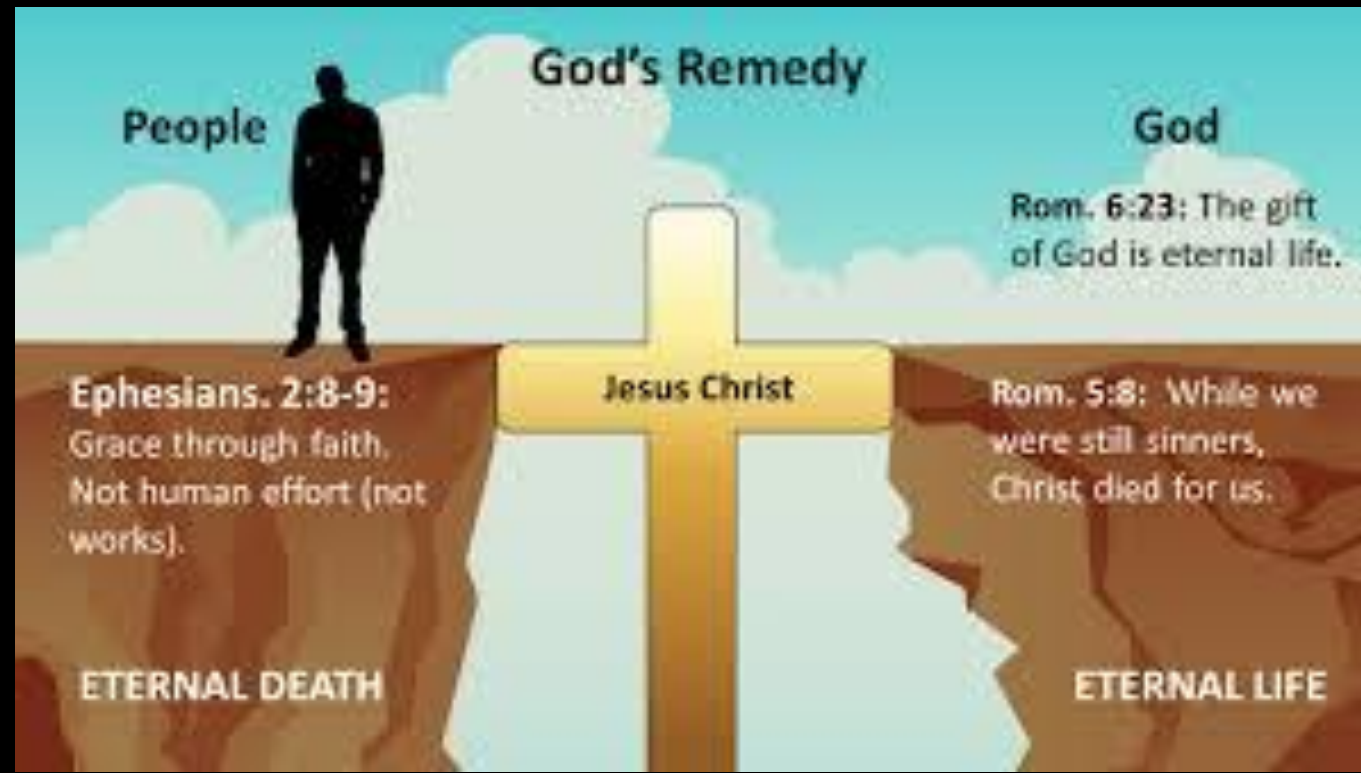
We are all created in God's image and as such are supposed to be treated with kindness and respect!

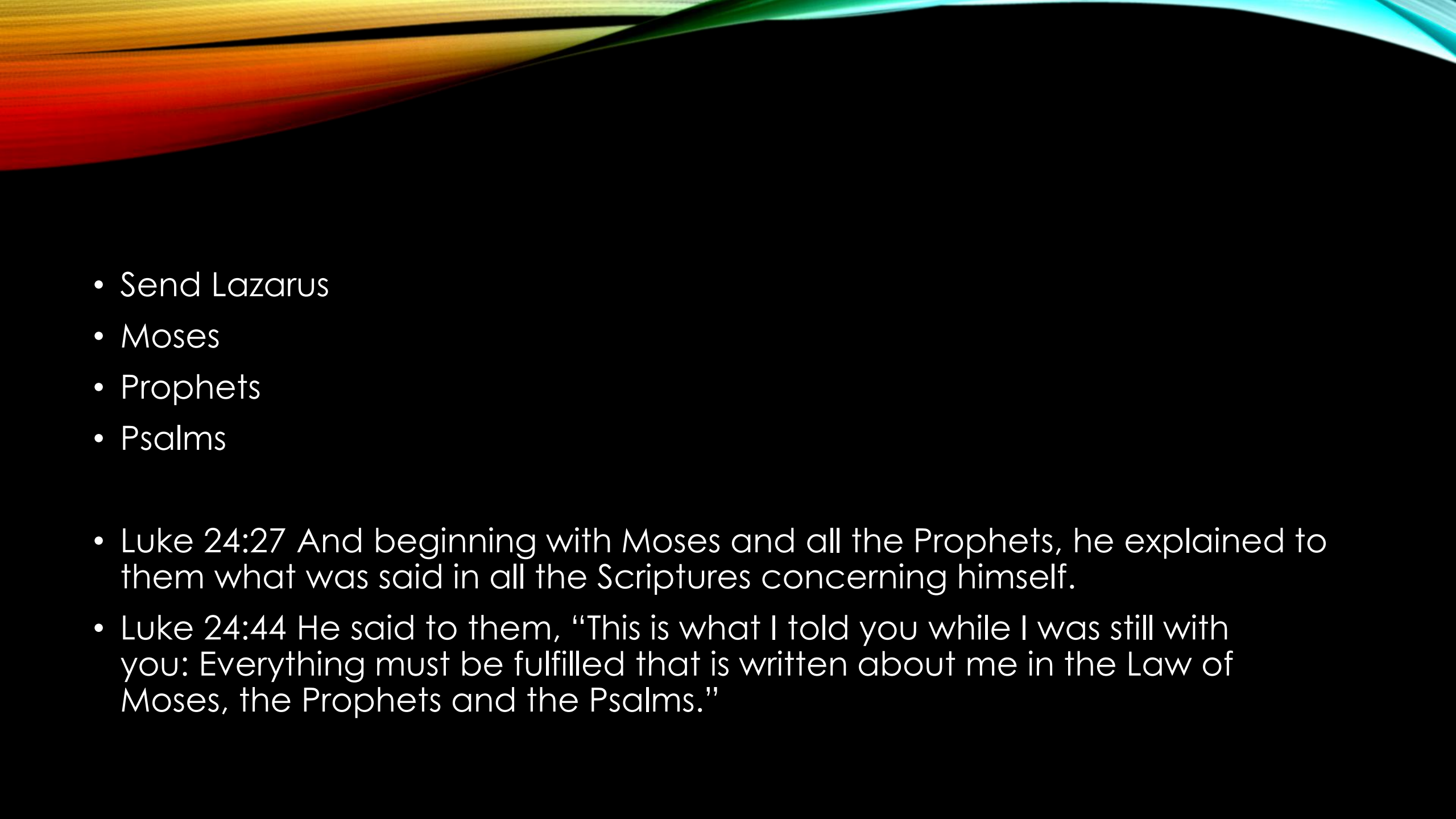
Luke 15:1 - Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

Luke 5:31 - 31 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

THIS IS NOT A DOCTRINE OF HELL

- When we die and are judged that is it the divide is then too great to change
- Today while we are still alive the gap can be closed and crossed



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- Send Lazarus
 - Moses
 - Prophets
 - Psalms
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- Luke 24:27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.
 - Luke 24:44 He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

LAZARUS WAS RISEN

- John 11 – Lazarus resurrected
- Jesus proved that he has the power over death and is the author of life
- Plots start to form to kill Him
- John 12:9 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, 11 for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

DON'T OR WON'T

- They did not want to believe
- Some people in our lives truly do not want to know
- We must still love them and point out the errors of there way but...
- 1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

