

# THE RICH MAN DIED

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WE are living in the fulfillment of the parable made by Jesus and which concerns the rich people and the poor people of this country, America. (Bible, 16th Chapter of Luke).

FOR a long time we (the Black People) have suffered the hell of poverty and want, at the hands of our white slave - masters' children. We were always in need for the necessities of life. We have become a tool and a servant for the white slave - master.

THE white slave - master does not allow the Black Man in America or the Black Man anywhere on the earth, to do something for self, for the white slave - master fears that the Black slave will outdistance the white slave - master.

WITH THE fall of the power of THE RICH MAN of America — with the fall of the value of his money to nothing — other nations become great. So, now America, is getting into the fire of poverty and want. This poverty and want is

the hell which she has now begun to lift up her eyes to see and to feel.

THE white slave - master kept the Black Slave in the position of a beggar. He would not allow the Black slave to be self - supporting.

AND STILL, the Black Man in America, who has been cared for all of his life by his white slave - master — he is still willing to stay in slavery as long as he can get around assuming his own self - responsibility.

IT is a great heaven that Allah (God) is Blessing me and my followers with, for getting up off of our knees begging a god who does not exist, for that which we can get ourselves.

WE, the Black People got the necessities of life for the white man. We worked for the white man and cleared the earth of its bushes and trees and the white man built one of the greatest worlds of its kind, that has ever been known.

BUT, NOW the white man's day for building, is up. No more shall the white man be a builder to provide for himself nor for the poor beggar.

TO PROVE that the beggar had a great future in

that he was able to believe in the heaven predicted by Abraham, which the Black Slave would enjoy upon God's Finding the Black Slave — this Black People, after being Found by God—they must do something for self and build a kingdom for self, as other nations have done and are doing.

NO more can the Black Slave lie at the gate of some independent nation. No more will he be nursed by them while he goes without any responsibility for Black Self.

THE name Lazarus means a lazy person who idles away his time and begs others for his necessities. The country of America is filled with Lazarus's who lie at THE RICH MAN'S gate and beg for food, clothing and shelter. Some of these people think that they should be the representatives of God, yet they classify themselves as beggars!

THE Law of Nature does not give us any such foolish and crazy idea. We adopted this foolish idea ourselves after the white man nursed us into this lazy and slavish condition from the cradle. Now, the Black People

must be forced to go out for self.

BUT, AT LAST THE RICH MAN DIED! This put you out seeking for a job, because after the death of THE RICH MAN you refused to go and produce a job.

IF you expect to live you are forced to produce a job, Black Brother. You must produce your own employment!

AT LAST THE RICH MAN DIED, and Lazarus who was dependent upon THE RICH MAN, must fly and seek something for

self. For example: Once I saw a dog who was full of fleas. One day that dog died! As soon as the dog died, all of the fleas started hopping off of the dead dog, for the fleas could not find any more live blood to suck. No one had to pull the fleas off of the dog, then!

I TELL you to fly and get something for yourself, to eat, for there is no job. And, you will not find another RICH MAN'S gate to lie at. So, I say to you, get up and come on to me, and work for self!

Remember, AT LAST



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Poverty and want is hell!  
Thank you for reading this warning.

Your Brother, Elijah Muhammad,  
Messenger of Allah, To You All.

