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Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!

Psalm 4.6

Matthew 6.22-23

"The eye is the lamp of the body.

So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be <u>full of light</u>,

but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be <u>full of darkness</u>.

If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"

Can a message on hell be encouraging?

Tim Keller:

- 1. Understanding your own heart
 - 2. Living in peace in the world
 - 3. Knowing the Love of God

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Luke 16.19-31

What troubles people the most about Christianity?

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How can you possibly reconcile the concept of judgment and hell with the idea of a loving God?

What do you believe about hell?
It's metaphorical for something probably infinitely worse than fire

Understanding your own heart
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There is a named character and a nameless character and the contrast is deliberate.

The rich man would have:

- believed in the God of the Bible
- rayed to the God of the Bible
- be obeyed the laws of the God of the Bible
- ...but he's in hell without a name...Why?

What is your highest good? What is the thing you really live for?

This man had his "good things".

Status and wealth was the basis
for his identity and now that
it's gone, there's no "him" left.

Sin is building your identity on anything but God.

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Pharisees believed God has to bless them.

They're building their identity not on God...
but upon their moral performance.

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Taking a good thing and making it an ultimate thing...

...make them more fundamental to your <u>significance</u> and <u>security</u> than the love and knowledge of God...

What you really worship is something else...and that starts in your heart a spiritual, cosmic fire.

Addiction:

Disintegration

Isolation

Denial

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Need more and more of the substance to get less and less satisfaction.

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The Iron Giant:

"Souls can't die"

Hell begins with a grumbling mood...

there may come a day when you can no longer do so...

In everyone of us there is something growing up that will be hell...

Your good things enslave you...

Do you not see it in yourself?

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Doors of hell are locked from the inside...

Astonishingly blind and in denial — he does not ask to get out

Hell is a freely chosen identity (based on something else besides God) going on forever.

What are you asking God to do?

Only two kinds of people in the end:

Thy will be done and thy will be done

All that are in hell choose it... without that self choice, it wouldn't be hell.

Spiritual addiction is serious. What you really do as a Christian is to watch the fire coming up...

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Who are you really?

A core identity(a name) based in being a child of the King!

No matter what the circumstances, there is stability!

Live at peace in the world

"Faith is inherently divisive."

Vengeance and retaliation

Retaliation is fueled by a lack of belief in a God of judgment.

The only resource powerful enough to keep us from the cycle of violence and retaliation is... there is a God and He will put everything right.

Knowing the Love of God

Fear of hell will never change the fundamental structures of your heart.

What's wrong with us?

Me Me Me

The idea that "I've got to be good" is merely using God to get what you want...

Your just turning up the flame...

Radical, unconditional love is the only thing that changes the heart!

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You have to know WHY I died!

You do not know how much God loves you until you know how much He suffered...

I have no idea how to respond unless I know how big that bill was.

Unless you believe in hell, you will never know how much He loves you.

The deeper and greater the relationship, the greater the agony of loss of love.

He took the isolation and disintegration we deserve...

They try to make God more loving but... end up making Him less.

What did it cost your god to love you?

If I want to be transformed... If I want to sense His wild love around me... If I want wonder, love and praise...

It's going to equip you <u>live in peace</u>...
with other people
with God
and with yourself

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