

Question:

In **Luke 12:20** (NKJV), it says:

"But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'"

But who are these that "require" or "demand" his soul?

Context:

In **Luke 12:13-21**, Jesus tells a parable in response to a man concerned about inheritance. Jesus warns against **greed** (choyo) and the false belief that life's security comes from wealth.

The rich man in the parable had such a great harvest that he planned to build bigger barns to store it all. He told himself to relax — eat, drink, and be merry — thinking he had secured his future.

But God calls him a "**fool**" — not because he was rich, but because **he trusted in his wealth instead of God**. He thought he controlled his life, but in reality, he was blind to the spiritual reality that **life and**

death are in God's hands

(see **Job 1:21** — *"The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord."*).

This suggests that **more than one party** was involved in demanding his soul:

- **Angels of death** could have been sent to claim his life (**Hebrews 9:27** — *"It is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment"*).
- **Spiritual forces of darkness** could also have been awaiting his downfall, especially because of his sin of idolatry — trusting riches more than God (**John 10:10** — *"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy."*).
- **Human enemies** — thieves, assassins, or jealous opponents — could have been plotting physical harm.
- **The justice of God** itself demands the soul of those who are unrepentant and live for themselves instead of God (**Romans 6:23** — *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*).

In short, it's not just "one" — it's **the combination of spiritual and physical forces** moving under God's sovereign allowance to bring judgment.

warning message :

Like that rich man, **many today put their trust in wealth, careers, insurance, medicine, and human systems**, but forget their ultimate security comes only from God.

The Bible warns us

in **Proverbs 11:4 (NKJV)**: *"Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death."*

It's dangerous to live without being "rich toward God" — meaning to **invest your heart, time, and treasures** into God's Kingdom and purposes

Matthew 6:19-21 — *"where your treasure is, there your heart will be also")*.

The rich man stored up earthly goods but had no heavenly investment. When the time came, **his riches couldn't save him**.

Psalms 49:6-7 (NKJV) says:

"Those who trust in their wealth and boast in the multitude of their riches, none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to

God a ransom for him."

Only a relationship with Jesus Christ can guarantee eternal life.
That's why **Hebrews 2:3** urges us:

"How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation..."

And remember what **Psalms 127:1 (NKJV)** says:

*"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it;
unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain."*

Final Thoughts:

Every day we live, unseen forces are at work. **Only God's mercy keeps us safe.**

Let's be wise — not fools — by living every day in trust, obedience, and relationship with Him, **rich toward God**, not just rich in the things of this world.

Be blessed.

Trust in Jesus.

Tonight They Want Your Soul!" — Who Are These People?

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