

# THE RICH MAN AND THE BEGGAR

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WE MUST REMEMBER that we just cannot depend on the white race ever to do that which we can and should do for ourselves. The American so-called Negroes are like the Bible story of Lazarus and the rich man, the story that Jesus must have foreseen in mind at the time. This Bible beggar was charmed by the wealth of the rich man to whom he was a servant, and he could not make up his mind to go seek something for himself.

This beggar was offered a home in Paradise, but could not make up his mind to leave the gate of his master, the rich man — wishing for that which God had in store for destruction along with its owner. The beggar's eyes could not turn from that perishable wealth.

So it is with the American Negroes. They are charmed by the luxury of their slavemasters, and cannot make up their minds to seek for themselves something of this good earth — though hated and despised by the rich man and full of sores caused by the evil treatment of the rich man. On top of that he is chased by the rich man's dogs and still remained a beggar at the gate, though the gates of Paradise were ever open to him and the gates of hell were open to receive his rich master.

The American Negroes have the same gates of Paradise open to them, but are charmed by the wealth of America, and cannot

see the great opportunity that lies before them. They are suffering untold injustices at the hand of the rich. He has and still is being lynched and burned. He and his women and children are beaten all over the country by the rich slavemasters and their children.

The Negroes' homes and churches are being bombed by the slavemasters. Their women are used as prostitutes, and at times are raped in the public's eyes — yet the Negroes are on their knees begging the rich man to treat them as the rich man treats himself and his own kind. The poor beggar kindly asks for the crumbs, a job, or a house in the neighborhood of the rich man.

## *Frightened Negro Leaders*

The Negro leaders are frightened to death, and are afraid to ask for anything other than a job. The good things of this earth could be his if he would only unite and acquire wealth as his master has done, and as has been done by all independent nations.

The Negroes could have this same kind of economic independence if they would get up and go to work for themselves. They are far too lazy as a nation — one hundred years up from slavery and still looking to the master to care for them and give them a job, bread, and a house to live in on the master's land.

Negroes should be ashamed of themselves. While it is true that the white race has been very

good at making jobs available for their willing slaves, this cannot go on forever. We are about at the end of it, and must do something for ourselves.

The slavemaster has given you enough education to go and do for yourselves. But this education is not being used to advance. In some cases it is even being offered back to the slavemasters to help them keep you, the Negroes, a dependent people — looking to them for support.

Let us unite every good thing in us for the uplifting of the American so-called Negroes to the equal of the world's independent nations.

Ask for a start for self-help and the American white people I believe, are willing to help give us a start, providing they see that you are willing to do for yourself. This would remove from them the responsibility of trying to give jobs and schools to a lazy people — but it would also give the Negro honor and sincere friendship all over the Asiatic world, and God, Himself, would prolong their time upon the earth!

You must hurry and join in your own kind. The time of this world is at hand.

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—Elijah Muhammad  
Messenger of Allah