

## The Firm Foundation of Elohim Stands Part 3 — Character

Now, let's look at the distinctive characteristics, what is in a person's character. A person's character is either worthless or noble. We know whether we belong to Him because of our character, what is inscribed in us, what we convey to others. *Character* reflects the glory that a person has, the inner worth of the person that demands respect of others. In Titus 1:16 it gives the distinctive characteristics of some people who profess to know God, but by their actions, their deeds, they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for anything good. They are worthless for anything good. These people mentioned here profess to know God, but by their deeds, by what they do, they deny Him. They are not walking in the works that are preordained for them, so we *know* that they are not led by the Spirit or taught by God (Jn 6:45) or are under the anointing (Eph 4:12), and only those who are led by the Spirit are the sons of God. If you are not led by the Spirit, you are not a son of God (Rom 8:14), and there is no way that you can be led by the Spirit to do those deeds that are foreordained for the chosen.

Our Elohim (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) sat down before they made the universe and talked about their predetermined plan. They talked about each person who would be chosen in the Holy City to reign over the universe. And they have prearranged works in this age to prepare them for that time, to bring them to the point where they can be like God again (Heb 1:3; 1 Jn 3:2). This means that they were originally created to be like God; they were made in God's image. Therefore we are redeemed and are now being purified to be restored to the image of God by doing those good works that we might spend our lives in doing every day, which we are led by the Spirit to do. Thus we are being purified by the circumstances and all the things we go through in order to walk in those works. That is why we are here. And through this you are going to see a marvelous kingdom clan, a clean place where He causes His name to dwell, a marvelous shining example — not just our house, but our lives every day, through doing and not just hearing (Jms 1:22). That is how you do it. 2 Jn 1:6 says, “*And what this love consists of is this: that we live and walk in accordance with and guided by His commandments, His orders, ordinances, precepts...*” (apostolic teaching). This is the commandment (1 Jn 3:23), the apostolic teaching (Rom 1:5).

So the people like those mentioned in Titus 1:16 profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed. These people are worthless, low-grade people. You have seen low-grade people. Some low-grade people can be saved, if they can hear. But some people are so degraded that they cannot even hear. It is as if they were born for destruction. They cannot stop smoking cigarettes [big slave, little master]; they profess to know God but they are worthless. Worthless things are cast into the lake of fire, the place that God has reserved for worthless things.

He never made the lake of fire for people; He made it for Satan because Satan turned out to be worthless because he did not do the things that God had created him to do. Satan wanted to do something else; he wanted to get out of his own position and be God. A created being cannot be an uncreated being; he cannot be God because that is God's job. We have to be how a created being needs to be — we will *belike* God, but we do not *become* God. God wanted humanity to be like Him in character. Our Master Yahshua came to earth and He was like God; He was like man was supposed to be in human nature. That is what we must come to: we have to be like Yahshua in our redeemed human nature, because Yahshua in His human nature is like God (Jn 14:7-11; Heb 5:7-9).

Rev 22:15 describes *low-grade* people, who are fools. But, “*blessed are those who wash their robes...*” (verse 14) by their purification, by their good deeds. They did good deeds. In Rev 19, these people washed their robes. How did they do it? Verses 7-8 — It was given to her, the bride of Messiah, “*fine linen, bright and clean, which stands for the righteous acts of the saints*” — the good deeds of the saints. They were given to the bride, the works that were prearranged. They walked in them and kept their linen, their robes, white — the acts of the saints, the good deeds of the saints who are walking in those works prearranged for them to spend their lives doing (1 Cor 4:5; 2 Cor 5:10). They did it. They were led by the spirit. They were ready when our Master returned. They went on into

the wedding banquet.

However some did not, but they are still blessed in Rev 22:14 — they washed their robes, even though it took 1000 years to get the stain out. But some people did not even have a robe, which is clear because they said to themselves, “Well, I’ll get my stain out later.” If you have that attitude, you do not belong to Him; you do not belong to Him at all (Mt 22:11-14), and you are going into the second death forever and ever. Remember that. **“Blessed are those who washed their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs...”** The dogs are the worthless people (2 Pet 2:22). It is not just that they stick cigarettes in their mouths, but they stick everything in their mouths. They are worthless like dogs. Actually the Bible calls homosexuals and prostitutes dogs (Dt 23:18). They are like dogs; they are worthless people. But sodomites are not the only people who are worthless, but all people who go after what dogs go after. Outside are the dogs and immoral persons and murderers and everyone who loves to lie. People who love to lie are on their way to the second death.