

The Three Eternal Destinies #25 Judgment To Come

If only Elvis could have heard Paul's discourse on right living, self-control and the judgment to come (Acts 24:25). But lust, pride, greed and selfish ambition made it inconvenient for him to change before his dying last cry as he tumbled over the water fall.

Our Master said:

So do not be amazed at this: for a time is coming, in which all who are in the tombs shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed the evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment. (Jn 5:28-29)

He is not speaking here of the resurrection in Jn 5:24-25 for those verses refer to believers in the Son of God, but in verses 28-29 He is speaking of those who lived in the nations who have never heard the gospel to reject it.

Those who have rejected it are judged already (Jn 3:18-20) and have no need to go to the judgment of Rev 20:12-13. Jn 5:25 — Only those who were followers of Messiah heard and obeyed His voice, and they will live with Him (2 Tim 2:11). But Jn 5:28-29 is a surprise for most people who have been deceived by Christianity. For verse 28 says a time will come when Elvis will hear the voice of the Son of God along with every one else who never had a chance to believe or disbelieve in the Real Son of God (Jn 3:18).

Those who had the chance to believe but rejected the good news of Salvation of God's love (Jn 3:15-16) have been judged already to condemnation. But Jn 5:28-29 is the resurrection in Rev 20:11-15 and Rom 2:16 of unbelievers. But they did not believe because they never had the opportunity. So God judges these on the basis of their conscience as Gen 3:16-19 and Rom 1:18 - 2:16; Rom 2:5. Jn 5:28-29 says to not be amazed at this: for a time is coming when all these kind of unbelievers who have never heard the gospel will hear the voice of the Son of God and come out of their graves and out of Hades, the place of disembodied spirits and souls.

Those who have done evil will rise to be condemned to a Second Death — Rom 2:8. Did Elvis do good or did he do evil? That is how all men will be judged who have not heard the good news. This is why Isaiah said, "Woe to you who call good evil and evil good" (Isa 5:20), because they confuse the knowledge of good and evil by which men will be judged. Those who have practiced doing good will come out to the resurrection of New Life (a second life) and those who have done evil will come out to a resurrection of judgment — to condemnation (a second death; Rom 2:6-10). As Heb 9:27 says — there is a first death and there is a second death (and there is a second life). And each man will receive Eternal life or Eternal death according to his deeds (Rom 2:8; Rev 21:8; 20:14-15; Ecc 12:14). Those who are judged worthy of a second death go to the Lake of Fire as Mt 25:41 describes. And those who are worthy of the second life go to the Eternal Kingdom of the Nations, who will inhabit the planets of the universe. Gen 1:26-28 will now extend to the far reaches of the universe (Ps 8:5, 6; Eph 3:21), to all generations forever and ever. They will fill the universe with His very own image and likeness (Eph 4:10; Heb 2:8 NIV; Heb 1:10-12). The planets of the universe will be changed to immortality like man who will inhabit them. They will be made habitable for the Eternal Righteous man as the Holy are made immortal and habitable for the Eternal Spirit of God (1 Cor 15:51-52; Eph 2:21).

Remember there are two Resurrections. The Resurrection of the (Body of Messiah) the True Church (2 Cor 5:10), and the resurrection of the people of the world who never heard the gospel, so they now can be judged by the things they did (their works) according to their character of conscience — the knowledge of good and evil (Rom 2:14-16; 2:12-16; Rev 20:11-15).

If anyone was a *liar* (Pr 17:4), as Rom 1:28, then he can expect a resurrection of (judgment) or condemnation, judged to spend eternity in the Lake of Fire which is the Second Death (Rev 21:8). But if anyone was obedient to his valid conscience, he will spend eternity in the Nations of Rev 21:24, which is the Second Life. The difference between the two kinds of people is as the difference between Cain and Abel after the fall or between Seth's sons and the sons of Cain or between those who lived by their conscience at the time of the flood and those who did not live according to their conscience. When they are raised to stand judgment, they will be judged according to Jn 5:28-29 like Lot and all people who lived outside of the Abrahamic Covenant with the God of Israel, and even if a natural son of Abraham did not live according to the covenant he will be raised to a resurrection of

condemnation (Rom 2:12,14-16; Rom 1:18,28,29, etc.).