

## The Three Eternal Destinies #9 *The Plight of Fallen Man*

I want to give you a basic, fundamental understanding of things so we can pass it on to others, especially to unbelievers and Christians because they have such a morbid concept of things. In Gen 2:9 it tells a whole lot. "And YHWH, Elohim ..." (when it says the *Lord God* it means *YHWH Elohim*) "... made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground." He's the One who did it. "Trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Now it would have been a simple thing if they had eaten from the tree of life instead of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But they ate from the knowledge of good and evil. Now in the 16th verse it says, "And Yahweh, Elohim commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden. But you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.'" Now were they free to eat of the tree of life? [responses, "yes"] How do you know?

**Ruth:** The only one you weren't supposed to eat from was the knowledge of good and evil.

That's right. So that's how we know that they were able to eat from the tree of life, because it says, "you are free to eat from any tree in the garden —*except*, you must not eat from the tree of good and evil. When you eat of it, you will ..." What? "You will surely die." Understand that that's what they did. They did. They died — how many times? Once. This was the first death they were condemned to. It wasn't the second death. In the day you eat this you will surely DIE. Understand that, Okay? Now that's the first death. Heb 9:27 — So it's appointed unto all men to die once. Not *twice*, but **once**. Is that what it says? It's appointed unto man to die ONCE, and then — the judgment. The judgment determines what? Whether they're worthy of a second life or a second death. So that's Heb 9:27.

### God Knew All Along

**Now our Father knew there would be 4,000 years before Messiah came. He knew there would be 2,000 years before Abraham came and Israel would start. He knew there would be 6,000 years before all the things were done. He knew that there would be thousands, millions of people who would never hear the gospel! Never hear about Israel! Never hear about Yahweh! Never hear about the sacrificial system. Now God's love continued, didn't it, upon man? Did God's love continue upon man or did He start hating man, because Adam sinned? Didn't He provide for them a way to have eternal life, after they died once? Now if you die once, you go into death and then later on, thousands of years, or however long, according to when you died, you'd be raised to stand in judgment.**

**Rev 20:12-15 — All the people who were dead, their bodies, wherever they were, would come back, whether they were in the ocean or in the ground or whatever. Then death and Hades were emptied out and it was cast into the Lake of Fire, because that's not permanent, is it? Hades is the *first death*. THAT'S the FIRST DEATH! As it says in Rev 20:12-15, that's the first death.**

That's going to be done away with. But the second death is PERMANENT. It's eternal torture, it says. So we won't go into that right now, but we know that Rev 14:10,11 really describes it pretty well.

So our Father said that in the day you eat of this tree, you will surely die. Rev 21:8 talks about a second death, if a person commits that kind of sin. If he commits those kinds of sins, then he will go to the second death and the second death is eternal. The first death is not eternal, is it? So there's a resurrection from that death. It's appointed unto man once to die, then the judgment to determine whether he dies a second death or has a second life. And that's the people who have never heard about the true Yahshua. Okay? People who have never had an opportunity to reject Him or accept Him. Understand? There's only a few people who have ever heard of the true Yahshua, right now. So understand that. This is basic, very basic. The second death is those people whose names were not found written in the Book of Life, after they were judged according to the Books that were opened. All the things they did, all their deeds, were recorded in those Books. And those Books were the human conscience, of course. And so therefore those Books were opened. Everyone was laid bare. They knew exactly what they did. And some people's conscience **ACCUSED them**. Didn't it? Terrified, they *knew they were guilty! They knew they did these things!* — going against their conscience until

their conscience was just callused.

Other people's consciences were **excusing** them. They had hope. They were in death. They had hope. They paid for their sins, didn't they? *Can a person pay for his sins?* YES! He can pay for his sins IN DEATH, if he never rejected Messiah. The wages of sin is death. The gift of God is eternal life, through Yahshua ha Mashiyach. Remember that. So therefore these people had to pay for their own sins because they never knew the Savior for Him to pay for their sins. Understand? *So they paid for their sins* —that is, the sins that **could** be paid for (Rom 6:23).

#### **Outside the Boundaries**

**Rev 21:8 and 22:15 speak of the sins that CAN'T** be paid for by the first death. They can only be paid for by the second death. And that second death is eternal. Remember that. That's essential, fundamental, that you understand these things. As we go on we'll understand more and more about this so we can know the gospel. The gospel begins in Rom 1:18, doesn't it? It goes all the way through to the judgment in Rom 2:16. It talks about these things.

So the Second Death are *those* kind of sins *outside* the boundaries of what our Father gave Adam and Eve and all his descendants, to walk in. Were they born corrupt and depraved? NO! They weren't born corrupt or depraved! They had a good conscience that could tell them what's good and evil, didn't they? That was the good thing. Because Rom 1:24,26,28 says they **BECAME** depraved through *suppressing* their conscience and doing things wrong. And finally God just gave up on them and gave them over to a depraved mind. They weren't that way when they were born, were they? Are little children born wicked? No.

So, Lot was righteous, wasn't he? In Gen 18:25 it says, "YHWH, are You going to condemn the righteous with the wicked? Are you going to do that? If you're going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, are you going to destroy the righteous with the wicked?" See, they were people in the world. They were called the righteous and the wicked. Was Lot righteous? Yes. Was Noah righteous? Yes. Are there righteous people today according to the nations, still living? Yes. Sure.

There are people who haven't gone out of the boundary of conscience, of good and evil. They know and they hate when they do bad. They hate it. It keeps them from going on and doing **worse** things. And they abide in all the things Gen 3:16-19 says, **and also**, Gen 9:1-7. So this is to give you an understanding of those things.