

## The Three Eternal Destinies #11 **Conscience 3: Terms of the Covenant**

Conscience is the inward knowledge that a person has of good and evil, that is, what is good and right in every situation and relationship and what is evil, bad or not right in every situation or circumstance and relationship. So one must make a choice according to that knowledge and one will be judged according to that knowledge and the choices made. So conscience goes back to the garden (Gen 2 & 3), back to the choice man made in the beginning as to what tree he would eat of (Gen 2:9,17). Adam chose to die rather than to eat of the tree of life and live forever (Gen 3:22). It was too late for Adam to have that choice again, and from then on he must choose the good over the evil if he wanted a second life. Since the first man ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil he would have to live by this knowledge in order to not die a second time (which is called the second death in Rev 20:14 and 21:8).

If he had eaten from the tree of life instead of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil he would have received eternal life. If a man who had received eternal life did not live according to his heart after he had received eternal life he would not die — not eternally — but he would die for discipline and correction. Then when he had received adequate discipline and correction he could live again, because he already had passed out of eternal death and into eternal life, like us (Jn 5:24-25).

Gen 3:22 — Since man chose to live by the knowledge of good and evil, however, he would be judged after he spent many thousands of years in death. He would be resurrected as Heb 9:27 says (see also Rev 20:12,15) and judged according to what he did in his life, whether good or evil. These things would be written down in the Books in Rev 20:12, and if the Books revealed, for example, that he did not work during his lifetime on this earth by the sweat of his brow but was lazy and lived off the sweat of others, then he would be judged unworthy of the second life and be thrown into and confined to the Lake of Fire. This is the second death, which is eternal. In that case he would have a resurrection of condemnation (Jn 5:28-29 #2920). This judgment of condemnation is based on the knowledge that all men have in their conscience, put there by God when man ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen 2:9,17; 3:22). If a man tried to get out of working this way (Gen 3:19) he would not only go to the first death but to the second death as well. This is the way for man to do good. If he tried to do good any other way it would be just his own *reasoning*, the same reasoning that got him into this cursed predicament in the first place through listening to the woman.

A man who will not work should not eat either. The world's governments today are under the influence of the same serpent of old (Rev 20:2; 1 Jn 5:19; 1 Jn 3:8), doling out the money to those who will not work for a living, causing the whole world to go to the second death, approving abortions, divorces. Everything Gen 9:1-7 says will save a man from the second death. Gen 9:6 and Num 35:31-34 is proving to be "spot on." So, the wisdom of Lk 10:21 is fallen human pride joined by the intellectual pursuits of higher learning institutes. Lk 10:21 are the only kind of people who can be saved.

Gen 3:22-24 — If fallen man had eaten from the tree of life without a ransom for him — that is, someone who was without sin (a second Adam) to experience death for him — Satan could have ruled the whole world and universe through these fallen human creatures who now had eternal life. So we see that fallen mankind has been endowed with a gift of conscience. God gave this knowledge as soon as they ate from the tree of the knowledge *of good and of evil*. Adam did not eat of the tree of *only evil*, but good as well. This was a provision just in case they did choose the other tree, and He knew they would according to His infinite foreknowledge. Yahshua was a lamb slain even before the world, that is in our Creator's foreordained will and purpose. God could have made man as robots but this would have violated His own righteousness. He knew what He had to do in order to have such a creature as man and He knew that Satan would oppose Him and His will to gain a ruling people for His dwelling place in the midst of the nations throughout eternity in the universe (Rev 21:3,9,12,24).

If a man has lived in the world and never heard of the true Messiah to reject Him, and he has lived according to Gen 3:16-19 and 9:1-7 in all the aspects of Rom 1:18 - 2:16, and if he did not live his life in the world in opposition to Gen 3:16-19 and 9:1-7 or as Rom 2:14-16 (like Rom 2:6; Rev 20:12-15; Heb 9:27), if God had not

given him up as Rom 1:24 says, then he may have hope while in the FIRST death of a resurrection to life (Jn 5:28-29; Rom 2:6; Rev 20:12-15; Heb 9:27). If he is not like the people in Rom 1:24,26,28-32 or as Rom 2:8-9, then there will be hope of a second life. But what if, for instance, you lived in the world and you gave yourself to "higher learning" so that you would not have to work by the sweat of your brow? Or if you went to the hospital to have your babies because you were afraid of the pain of childbearing? Or you did not rule over your wife and family, or your desire was not for your husband, etc., etc., etc.? What if you as a child saw that your parents did not love you enough to discipline you? What father on earth does not discipline his child? (Heb 12:8) What if your parents sent you off to a university or put a TV in front of you while you were young, or allowed you to go on dates or to the movies or to rock festivals (all of which makes one filthy or unjust), etc., etc., etc.? You see why we must write our parents while there is still time.

If your parents were keeping the covenant with their conscience they would have made their choices based on what God has given them of the knowledge of good and evil. They know, as you do, what is good, what you should do and what you shouldn't do, what is good and what is evil, etc. This is the knowledge that everyone everywhere has. Rom 1:19-20 —*they are without excuse.*

Conscience is the inward knowledge or consciousness that all men have of what is good and what is evil. God told man to work by the sweat of his brow. What did He mean? And why should he? God told woman to do certain things in Gen 3:16. Why did He want her to do that? After the flood He wanted man to do certain things. Why?

Conscience is that knowledge in man's innermost thoughts he must pay attention to if he wants to live a second life after he is resurrected and judged (Rev 20:11-12; Heb 9:27; Rom 2:14-16). Conscience is the innermost thoughts in the mind and heart (Rom 2:14-15), the internal recognition of the moral quality of one's own motives and actions. It is the faculty in you which pronounces the right or wrong of your actions or motives or words. It approves the right and good and condemns the evil and wrong. Within our conscience is the tenderness and compassion we must have for others. No one is without the sense of good or evil. All must deal with others conscientiously. Those who lived more conscientiously than others will be kings in the eternal nations. They were the helpers of mankind, the good masters of servants, the good servants of evil masters. Men down through history for the last 6000 years, although they were fallen, born in Adam's casket or the first death and not in fellowship with God, had a conscience that was effective and they kept it effective. They had a conscientious observance or regard for the concerns of others, especially for their own family members, first their wife, then their children, working hard for them, not lazing or living off of the hard labor of others by taking welfare, or "the dole" as it is in the English world, or social security in France. In all the nations of the western Christian world where Satan rules in governments who take away man's right to even *choose* to do the good, promoting abortion, allowing murderers to go free, giving money called "allowance" to families etc. God placed within every person as a guide, His umpire, and all men feel this vice-regent of God in their bosom, dealing with all things conscientiously, making all things a matter of conscience. Yet, to have scruples about these things is hard, as the governments of the world try to stamp out a person's heart (Rom 2:14-16) recognizing no judgment (Ps 14:1). In most countries there is even a clause in the act of law to ensure respect for the consciences of those affected.

So if a man is conscientious — that is, obedient to conscience as governed by a sense of duty and doing all things according to conscience — God respects him and even admires him (Mt 25:34,46; Gen 12:3; Mt 10:42). He is conscious of this inner voice within him and feels guilt if he goes against it. He is inwardly sensible or aware of the guilt that causes sickness and disease, and he is equally aware of the approval when he does good. He has perception and has not lost his consciousness of good and evil. He has not been turned over to a "depraved mind" (Rom 1:24,28). The good men in the nations whom God calls the *Righteous* have internal perception as consciousness. They have character and are approved by God and awarded the eternal kingdom or the nations. They are characterized by the presence of consciousness (God) (Rom 1:20-21; Jn 5:29). God will judge all mankind of the nations according to their motives and intentions (Ecc 12:14).