The Three Eternal Destinies #13Conscience 4: The Sheep and the Goats(Matthew 25)

In the *New Age* there will not be one homosexual or lesbian, because Satan will be bound for the whole period of that age (nearly). This will be a New Age in contrast to the Old Age (in which we live today). The New Age is *new* because Satan will be bound and *cannot tempt* anyone to be worthless, taking the *glory of God* from them, in degraded behavior. Satan will be bound for 1000 years! Gen 18:20; 19:5 — The world can't see howabnormal homosexual activity is until they see the New Age (when the one who causes this extreme abnormality is bound and cannot tempt man to such things). Gen 1:28 & 2:24 is normal, but then after man fell to his cunning, serpent-like temptations, God's image was marred in man (Gen 9:6; Rom 1:24,26,28). It was *worse* than <u>murder</u> for Satan to do this to God and to His highest creation — *the man* God loves so much. Jn 3:16; 1 Jn 3:16 and Gen 2:24 is normal. It *retains* and *establishes* God's goodness to man.

In the Next Age

During the millennium when the evil prince of this world and his evil spirits which tempt mankind today are bound, there will be no such thing as sodomy, since homosexual relations are not normal but demonic (Gen 18:25). Nor will there be lesbians in that day. Gen 1:26-28 will be restored to earth (Acts 3:21 — rectified) since Satan, as it says in Rev 20:3, will be bound (Rev 20:1-2). We, the communities of the redeemed, must put these enemies under our King's feet in this present age in order to bring His reign on earth (Mt 24:14; Heb 10:13).

1 Jn 3:8 — All evil temptations from the evil one must be put under Yahshua's feet, overcome by His people that He died for (Isa 53:10-11). It is obvious in the word of God as recorded in Gen 18:25 that the wicked were the Sodomites and the righteous were those who did not practice such abominations in God's sight. All homosexuals will be excluded from the next age since Satan is bound. They would not want to practice such abominations even if they were included. If the worst homosexual was to be admitted into the next age, he would be strongly attracted to women as God made man in the beginning. Gen 1:28 and even 9:1 is normal. Only by Satan's temptations does one want to do such a thing as what God thought was wicked. Gen 18:25 — During the next age when Satan is confined in the abyss there will be no such thing; not even once will the thought even enter into the mind of man.

This will be the only way man will be convinced if we proclaim this good news, that Sodomy is evil and abnormal in the sight of the Creator of men and women. He made man to be normal, not abnormal. Satan made man abnormal by his temptations as in Rev 20:3,7,8,10.

Normal Desires vs. Abnormal Desires

Rev 20:1-2; Gen 2 & 3 — Man fell and was then to live according to what God put into the heart of a man concerning what is good and what is evil. Rom 2:14-16 — It is on this that the judgment of where man will spend eternity is based. But when man as in Gen 18:25 began to ignore this instinctive knowledge, he became unrighteous or wicked, but those who retained this consciousness innate in man were considered righteous by God and Abraham. Gen 18:19 is the standard of righteousness as a light to the nations or the world, but even in the world where they never have witnessed this standard they still can be saved from the second death by their own conviction of what is right and what is wrong.

What is wrong with the world? What is right about the world? What is wrong in men who do wrong things? What is right in men who do right things? So we see that men who are not deceived can maintain their natural righteousness (Rom 2:14). Satan is the one who deceives the whole world (Rev 20:3,8,10). After the 1000 years of peace, Satan is let loose to do what his chief job is: to lead men astray from their consciousness of good and evil, to pervert the truth. Rom 1:25-28 and then 29-32 followed in every other perverted form of life that God did not intend for man to fall into. Gen 3:16-19 and 9:1-7 are the boundaries which man would not stray away from if he would pay attention to what God says in a man's conscience, but it is Satan who leads man astray from this path (Rev 20:3,8,10). There is a narrow path and a broad path for all mankind.

God is the judge and He will do right. God is the judge of the whole earth. He judges between men, the

righteous and the wicked. Mt 25:46 — Satan is the tempter who leads the world astray (Rev 20:3,8,10) and the Lake of Fire is prepared for him. The wicked will choose his fate. On the other hand the kingdom is prepared for the righteous who were not led astray by the tempter. Mt 25:34 & 41 tell us a great truth in the word prepared. Mt 25:46 gives us understanding, wisdom and insight since we know Rev 20:3,8,10 and 21:8 & 22:11,15. Pre-pared even from the beginning when Satan fell and led a whole host into his rebellion against God. They did not keep their proper domain (Jude 6) and became agents of the evil one, the adversary. Rev 12:7,9 — The evil prince of this world has just about led astray and deceived all the inhabitants of the earth, except a few who receive the Male Child (Mt 25:34; Zech 14:16; Rev 14:6-7). The Male Child overcame Satan and his angels (Rev 12:11; Rev 6:9-11).

So we can see by Mt 25:34 & 41 that two places have been prepared for the righteous and the unrighteous of the nations of this world (verse 46 as Rom 1:18 - 2:16; also verses 14-15). The righteous are those who kept a good enough conscience that they were not turned over to a depraved mind. Rom 1:24 — Due to the fall (Gen 2:9,17) God prepared beforehand a provision for the ones who kept His covenant with conscience (Gen 3:16-19 & 9:1-7). He prepared for them a kingdom of the nations, the eternal nations (Mt 25:34; Rev 21:24,26; 22:2; Mt 25:46) The righteous who do good to Abraham's spiritual seed (Gal 3:16,29; Gen 12:3) are awarded life, second life, after the judgment (Rom 2:14-16; Rev 20:12-15). They did not participate in the kind of sins as Rev 21:8. They were the *righteous* of Rev 22:11. The nations of Rev 22:2 is Mt 25:34, the eternal kingdom prepared by God for them. This *prepared* in Mt 25:34 is God's provision for those in the world who never had the opportunity to hear the gospel to receive or reject it (Jn 3:18). The word *prepare* means a provision made in advance for those whom God must, because of His righteousness, judge. So then the King will say to the righteous — those on His right hand — "Come, you blessed (Gen 12:3) of My Father, inherit the kingdom" [the kingdom of the nations] (Rev 21:24 & 22:2,11). Here they will be righteous *still* (or forever), remaining righteous without any more temptation from the evil one, to be led astray or deceived (Mt 25:31-40).

But those on His left hand (verse 41), the wicked (Gen 18:25), are those who became wicked after they were born with a good conscience. They were led astray from their good conscience to become wicked (those who are as Rom 1:24-32 & 2:5-10). Rom 2:12-16 explains how the conscience is God's gift (provision) to man whom He loves so much, that they may not incur a second death sentence (Rom 2:16; Rev 20:12-16; 21:8; etc.). The term *sheep* in Mt 25:32 is characteristic of the people in the nations who are sheeplike in their nature — they sense their need of a shepherd, which is their conscience. There are *sheep* and *goats* in this parable. The sheep (the *Righteous*) find a place of favor. The nations are called sheep, unlike the goats who buck and fight among themselves. Sheep need a shepherd — a leader. The conscience was their leader. They stayed close to their shepherd. They allow their conscience to lead them, they listen to its voice; but the goats deny their conscience. Their nature is different. If sheep don't have a shepherd they go astray.