

The Three Eternal Destinies #27 Walking in the Name of Your God (Micah 4:5)

For all the peoples walk each in the name of his god. This indicates identification with that spirit, taking on that god's (or spirit's) manners (i.e., *mannerism*, as one who lives for that spirit). They are *unashamed* to have their name (reputation, character) *identified* with it (even forever and ever). They take their *identification* with its fate and *destiny* also (Rev 14:10,11). They totally identify with the Beast and receive his fate (Rev 19:20; 20:10).

Micah 4:5 — We who have been baptized are now identified with and categorically belong to Yahshua. We are identified as *belonging to Messiah* and take on the *characteristics* of the seed of Abraham (Gen 17:1). From now on, as Mark 8:34,35,38 says, we *walk* (live, conduct) our lives in His Body, in the *name* of Yahshua (Yahweh's Salvation), our God forever and ever. Likewise, Christians walk in the *name* of their god, *Jesus*, and take their *identity* with their god's fate (Rev 18:4,8,10; 19:2,3), forever and ever. But we are "the Holy" forever and ever. Rev 22:11 — categorically *Holy*.

So Micah 4:5 says that whatever god or spirit one walks in, he walks in its *name*, its *identifying characteristics*. **Spirits can be named.** To be cast out of a person, the spirit must be named — *identified*. The *mannerisms* of the person, his character-izations identify (characterize) the spirit or god that he serves with his life. The word *walk* means to *serve* with one's life. We walk as He walked (Eph 2:10; 1 Jn 2:6). If we *serve* Him, then we walk as He walked. We take on His *mannerisms*, which can be *identified* as spirits of love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, faithfulness, self-control, etc. But if we follow another god or spirit which we serve with our flesh or spirit, we take on *its character* (manners), such as what is listed in Gal 5:19-21 — categorically *Unjust or Filthy*.

Gal 5:22,23 is the characterization of (God) Yahweh, manifested in the human nature by those who belong to Him (Gal 5:24). They serve Him with their *spirit, soul, and body* and walk in a way *worthy* of Him, *showing forth* His character and manners; Col 1:10 is categorical.

The Evil Spirit that Bends Us

Walking in the name of one's god (Micah 4:5) indicates identification with that deity, that spirit, that god, that idol — *the influence* of the god and gods of this world (1 Jn 5:19-21).

Rom 6:2-5 and Rom 10:9 is identification.

Identity means *identical*, bearing the *same likeness*, exactly alike. This is what a spirit does. The fruit of the spirit means that you are like the Spirit (1 Cor 6:17), having the same mannerisms and character. You bear its *name* or His name. You establish your own *identity* by the spirit which is in *control* of your life. (The spirit that bends us is the spirit whose *sway* we are under).

Baptism into Messiah (Col 1:13; 2 Cor 5:17; 1 Cor 6:17; Gal 5:22,23) means we are no longer as Gal 5:19-21. We are categorically identified with Messiah (Isa 44:5,6). We are *diagnosed and categorized* Messianic, labeled Yahshua's, recognized as belonging to Abraham's God (Jn 8:39), singled out as belonging to Messiah (Rom 8:9; Gal 3:27-29; 5:24). We take up residence with all whom Yahshua has taken up residence in. *Our identity* is *now* in the Son of Yahweh (Mt 1:21,23). Our *distinctiveness* belongs to Him. Our existence is now no longer our own, but His (2 Cor 5:15). Our individuality no longer exists, but now *in Him* we are "*one*" (1 Jn 1:3).

We must have *koinonia* in all aspects of our *personality* (with the apostles and with one another and with Him; Acts 2:42; 1 Jn 1:3) in order to be *like Him*. We are now being made into His *identical* likenesses (1 Jn 3:1-3), a duplicate (2 Cor 3:18), corresponding to Him, equal, equivalent, worthy and *almost indistinguishable* (Mt 28:18-20; 10:40). Our Father can use each one of us *interchangeably* with His One Son who has now made us sons also and His brothers (Heb 2:5-18). We are His likeness, His *twin brothers*, our Father's multiple twin sons. Heb 2:10-13 speaks of sons of equal rank with Yahshua who is a *human*, like us, so we could be a human like Him (fully restored). Otherwise He wasted His time being a *human*, a second man, like the person He created us to be. We are restored to His *likeness* to the fullest extent in every aspect of our personalities.

Walk (#4043) — To tread all around, walk at large (as proof of ability) to live for, follow (as a

companion) to be occupied with, walk (1 Jn 2:6; Eph 2:10; Col 1:10). Our "walk" is *proof* of our ability to *become* like Him whom we follow and are identified with (as a companion) and the One whom we are *occupied* with and categorized with (Mt 12:30).

Our *occupation* is now Eph 2:10 in the Body of the community (Eph 4:12-13; Micah 4:5). But we will walk in the name of (the Lord) YHWH our God forever and ever, for all time following baptism into His name, forever and ever — as long as eternity.

Since all human beings are dependent, they are *dependent* on conscience or they *forsake* (make invalid) their conscience for spirits who *lead* them astray (Rev 20:3; Rom 1:24,26,28). They take on these *spirits' manners* and are *unashamed* to have their names associated with them.

The spirits a person has *shapes* his whole personality in some way (like a potter with a vessel), so that Mt 1:21 and conformity to His nature (as we were *created*) cannot come about. *Conformity* to the fallen spirits of this present world order keeps us from *purifying* ourselves (Rom 12:2; 1 Jn 3:1-3; 1 Ths 5:23; Col 1:28).

Reconciliation in 2 Cor 5:18 makes it clear that if we are normal disciples, *old familiar spirits* are being identified as of Satan (being cast out) and new spirits of *healing* are coming. The *transformation* we were experiencing (Rom 1:28) was taking us from a *good conscience* (which keeps a person in the *likeness* of his Creator) to a *depraved mind*. But now in Messiah we are being *transformed* into the same image of our Master (from glory to glory; 2 Cor 3:18).

The Holy (from glory to glory, up-grade);

The Righteous (maintain);

The Filthy and Unjust (down-grade).

Rom 3:23 — The Righteous "maintained" their righteousness by *heeding conscience* (Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7; Rom 1:18-2:16). The Unjust and the Filthy down-graded (Rom 1:28; Rev 21:8) — they acquired a depraved mind by *rejecting conscience*.

The *Just* and the *Unjust* of this world are the "Gentiles" or "nations" (Mt 5:44-48). The *Holy* are to do good to *both* groups to *win them to Messiah* so they can be redeemed from their state — either unjust or righteous, or even filthy if they have not *already* been turned over to a depraved mind (Rom 1:24, 26,28).

The *Righteous* of the nations may not have been or are not attracted by the Christian message, but if they were, this would endanger their *righteous* state. This is if they *insisted* on their salvation (Jn 9:41) in the face of a sent one. The Christians who still see their *need* can be reached (Jn 10:14,27; Rev 18:4). But if they insist on "seeing" or "claim to see" they are in great danger of Rev 18:4b & 8 and 19:2,3.

Those who have not yet *rejected* conscience, but are *living on the boundaries* (like those in the "Lost Books" who pitched their tent close to the side of the holy mountain) can still be reached. Though most have descended to the sons of Cain and have been "turned over" to do what is evil, many can still *feel* and *acknowledge guilt* in their conscience. Many of us too were like the sons of Cain, but we have experienced great mercy.

Degraded but not Turned Over

Even though we were degraded, we were not yet completely "*turned over*" to a depraved mind, but were rescued before we were *sealed* in our eternal destiny. Knowing His love and forgiveness is what motivates us now to reach out to people we meet (like at the *Grateful Dead* concerts, or the *Phish* concerts or at festivals, etc.; Lk 7:37,47; 14:9). Some are not yet "*wallowing*" in the *filth* — totally depraved (Rom 1:24,26,28). The time will come though that 2 Ths 2:11,12 will be fulfilled. When God turns the world of unbelievers over to wickedness, there is no longer any hope for them. God desires all to be saved from death (1 Tim 2:4), but the one who *continues* in his *rebellion*, against conscience, is in grave danger of Eternal Death which is described in Rev 14:10-11 and 2 Ths 1:8.

Micah 4:5 — *For all people walk each one in the name of his god* — either Satan, the Conscience, or Yahweh. Those who *honor conscience* walk with their God. The conscience of the *Righteous* of the

nations is good and they keep it good, by *walking* in its *precepts* as Rom 2:14 and 15 says. Compare Rom 1:16,32; Heb 9:27 and Rev 20:12-15. The *unjust* and *filthy* have left the realm of a valid conscience (Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7; Jn 5:28,29; Mt 25:46).

In presenting the gospel (Rom 1:16-2:16 *shows how conscience saves a person from the second death, if they have not rejected the good news, selah* — Jn 3:18, Jn 13:20; Lk 10:16; Mt 10:40,41; Rom 10:14-17 and Jn 7:17,18), we must be faithful to "*describe the consequences*" of the rejection of conscience and the gospel which determined their eternal destiny. As Jn 3:18 says, "they are already judged" and this is the second death which is as the Word of God describes (Rev 14:10,11; 20:14,15; 21:8; 22:11; Mt 25:41,46; etc.). It is appointed for men to die once (not twice — Heb 9:27) and then the resurrection (Jn 5:28-29) which determines their eternal destiny after an examination of the books (Rev 20:12,13; Ecc 12:14) — according to their deeds (Mt 12:32-37). Whatever comes out of the mouth is what comes from within the heart. This is what defiles a man (Mark 7:20-23) or makes him *filthy* (Rev 22:11; Rom 1:28-32).

Mark 7:20-23 describes spirits (people's gods) who have rejected or invalidated their conscience and these become their "models" to follow. Their *mannerisms* and *characteristics* betray them (1 Cor 2:14-16; Eph 5:3-8) as the sons of disobedience (Eph 2:1-3). The gospel from the lips of a "righteous" disciple, out of touch with Satan, is this light (Jn 3:18,19; Eph 5:8,9,11-13).

Judged Unworthy

If we walk according to the spirits of this age, then they are our gods and we must also have the same reward in eternity as they (Mt 25:41). Since men *reject* the gracious provision of conscience, they too must be confined to the same doom or destiny (1 Pet 2:8). Every man has an appointment with the first death (Heb 9:27) in which there is a resurrection, but there is no need of resurrection for a person who is *appointed* to the second death. No further judgment will be rendered (Acts 13:45,46). Their eternal destiny has "forever and ever" been sealed. 1 Pet 2:8 is Jn 3:18 — *Judged already* as the false messiah in Rev 19:20. This is at the end of this present age, before the millennium (Rev 20:10; Mt 25:41). *Judgment* means to make a determination.

Not only did they judge themselves *unworthy* of eternal life among the redeemed, the *Holy* of Rev 22:11 (who overcame Satan in Rev 21:7, so as not to spend eternity in Rev 21:8 because of the sins they committed) but they also proved themselves *unworthy* of a "second life" in the *nations* since they *rejected the gospel* (Jn 3:18,19; 7:17). They were confronted by men who were *worthy* to preach the gospel (Jn 7:18) who were not *seeking their own glory*, but Yahshua's glory (Mt 10:41).

Even if they had not committed the type of sins in Rev 21:8, they proved themselves *unworthy* of being *redeemed by the blood of the lamb* by rejecting the good news from those who spoke it without falsehood or deceit (Lk 10:16).

If we are subject to any kind of spirit which we obey, it keeps us from being *transformed* into our Master's image and will *disqualify* us eventually (1 Cor 9:24-27). *Self control* means what it says — self control in ALL things — *every thing* (1 Cor 10:23,24; 1 Cor 6:12). These two scriptures in 1 Cor 6:12 and 10:23 are the test of true spirituality — that of a *righteous* man (Jn 7:18; Mt 10:41).

The hope of the gospel is in the hands of the *righteous* disciple (James 1:21), not one seeking his own glory (workers of deceit, falsehood; Eph 5:6; 1 Tim 4:1,2; 2 Tim 2:26; 2 Cor 11:13-15; Jn 12:43), lest we become abominable also (corrupt, dissolute, immoral) as the first church did and became a *harlot system* (Heb 3:6; Rev 2:15) with the *deeds* of the "one horse show" (the Nicolaitan System; Rev 2:6). James 5:19 indicates that many were not brought back and verse 20 says that *multitudes* went to death in the twelve tribes James addressed by his letter. All these sins this unrighteous disciple will have to pay for himself, since he did not judge and confess them (1 Cor 11:27-32).

For all of mankind from Adam these *inherited tendencies* in us must be dealt with, both in the righteous people of the world, as well as in us (Ex 20:5,6). These are the things we must have *self-control* over.

The world also, by conscience, must not give into these things that people give into who hate God.