

The Three Eternal Destinies #39 *Man's Destiny: Who Makes the Choice?*

Unbending our Wrong Ways

Asher: We've been talking about the restoration of all things lately. In Christianity there are doctrines about it, opinions about it and books about it. I'm thankful that the understanding we have is connected with our daily life. The restoration of all things is happening today, it happened yesterday, it's been happening all week. We can pour out our lives to see that come about. Our God is restoring us. He's restoring man to His original planned destiny, His ultimate destiny. Yoneq said *destiny* is an awesome word. Man always had a destiny, but he fell from it. He fell from glory. Our destiny was to have glory, to express God's character and we fell from it. Now, here in the body, here in Peppercorn Creek, we're being restored. We're in the restoration of **that**, of man's original destiny, to be a holy people, to be like gods in the universe. I'm really thankful to be a part of that restoration, restored from all of our former ways of life and all our inherited tendencies and character traits. We're *bent*, like bent metal. Have you ever seen a strong piece of metal that's bent? It's more than just a bent tree. It's set in a certain way and it's going to take a whole lot of work. It's possible to straighten a big strong piece of metal out, but it takes work, it takes labor, it takes effort. It doesn't just happen naturally. It takes energy exerted to bend it back. I'm really thankful that that's the restoration. That's the labor that our God is about, restoring mankind. Here we are submitting ourselves to that.

The reality of that every day is waking up and choosing to be bent out a little to submit to our God's will. It's choosing to be in the Spirit because we naturally would be like our grandparents were in the morning. They were crabby or self-centered or narrow minded, shortsighted, and irritable, it goes on and on, the things we can be in the flesh, perverted. But in the restoration of all things we ignore all that. It goes without saying we'd **all be** that way. But in the spirit that God's given us we can all be full of love and joy, peace and self control, using our will to have self control, giving ourselves to our God to bring us back, to be restored.

It goes without saying it's going to take effort not to be those ways. It doesn't come naturally for me to wake up and have joy if I'm not feeling good. I could be naturally crabby and say, "I'm just being real. I just don't feel like it."

I'm so thankful that our God's purpose is so much greater, the destiny of mankind has been revealed to us! It hasn't been revealed to us for no purpose. Our God doesn't go revealing His secrets to people just so they can be in the know. It's because He has a reason He wants us to know. It's because He wants us to aid in the restoration, in the work. He's got a job He wants us to do. At the end of the job He wants us to rest. But right now it's time to work. Yesterday we got some encouragement of the hope that one day there'll be rest one day, that the work will come to an end, one day. We'll get to recuperate. One day it'll be over. But now we get to put our shoulder to the plow and charge for a week, work, labor, *bend and bend*, be restored, suffer in our own flesh to see restoration come about. Then we'll get another Sabbath and say it's all right, one day it'll be over. Then we get up and go again. And that's our life. That was Abraham's life. That's our children's life. It's the most wonderful life. It's the only life that is life. It's the only life worth living on this earth. I'm thankful it's been revealed to us. We are blessed to be chosen to be part of the restoration of all things. It's such an honor. We're dignitaries. We're royal, as we serve, in the garden. We can hold our head up with a good conscience knowing our Master did it for us and all we want to do is thank Him and come to the minchot and praise the Son of God for what He did to share His glory with us to be restored back to our original destiny.

The Righteous — Those Who Listen to their Conscience

All these things mean one thing. In Rev 22:11 it speaks of three categories. In the first category of course there are people who are unjust and filthy. The second category are the people who lived by their conscience. That's the righteous. They were innocent of the crimes and sins of the people who were unjust and filthy. They were innocent, even though they possibly could have done some of the same things they didn't continue on in it. They saw it and they went the other way. Their conscience reproved them and therefore they continued on in a good way. So they were considered by our Father righteous, good, not unjust or filthy, but they were righteous in a comparative sense. He has mercy on people who *at least try* and want to do the right thing and want to live by their conscience and by the second covenant, the everlasting covenant, that the whole world is breaking except a few. Isa 24:5-6 says that only a few aren't breaking the everlasting covenant. It says that those few are going to be a scion that will go over into the new age and repopulate the earth. Our Father has to have people who will repopulate the earth. One third of the Jews will also go over into the New Age order to create the New Israel in the next age, the twelve tribes. The apostles will sit on 12 thrones governing the 12 tribes in the next age as it says in Mt 19:28.

The Evil Live Only for Themselves

There are three categories. The first category is the unjust and filthy. Those are the ones that are going to go to the second death, to Gehenna, to the tip, forever and ever and ever, because they didn't accomplish anything good on earth. The good they *did* was actually evil. Pr 12:10 says the righteous man has regard for his beast, but even the compassion of the wicked is cruel. The evil person is always for himself. Even the good things he does are self-centered. He gives to charity to get a tax break. It's not anything that brings glory to the Creator. It's only for themselves. They have their agenda they're trying to accomplish for their so-called good deeds. They get their name put in the paper when they give a lot of money. They get a statue put up or they give enough money they get

their name put on the back of their pew. It goes on all the time in Christianity.

Holy ~ Set Apart

The second category is the righteous. The third category is the **holy**. To be in the holy category you have to be set apart for a **particular purpose**. You have to be used for God's purpose and His plan. We have to be used *for the purpose* He set us apart for. If we're not being used for the purpose we were set apart for then we're used for *something else*. It's just like a vessel is to be for that particular purpose. The vessel for the king's table is not to be used to spit in. It's not a spittoon. It's for a king's vessel that he drinks out of.

In 2 Tim 2:20-21 it talks about how there are all kinds of vessels in a house. We want to be a pure vessel. So we have to rid ourselves of those things that keeps us from being a holy and pure vessel for His purpose. So we have to be set apart for the very purpose that He made us for. Now if we're being used for something else, then we're not being set apart. We're not holy. Eph 4:12 speaks about how the day is going to come when we're all put in those places that our Father created us to be. Even in the Body of Messiah, we're set apart. We're holy. Holy means set apart for a particular purpose and plan that our Father has for us. Right now we're slaves, aren't we? We're servants of our Master. We're *voluntarily* servants and slaves of righteousness. We're set apart to do our particular job that He's made us for in order to function in the Body of Messiah in a corporate way, in a coordinated way. There is no uncoordinated action in the body. We're all submissive. "Yes, I'll do this, Yes I'll do that, Yes, I'll do it. Yes, you don't have to ask me to do it, or beat me to do it. I **want** to do it. I'm a servant. I have no will **except** the will to do the will of my Father. The will to do my own will is crucified so how can I say no?"

Everything in Messiah is **yes, yes, yes**, it says. Everything is YES in Messiah! Yes, I'll do it; Yes, I'll do it, Yes, Yes! There's no no's. It's not yes, no, yes, no, yes, no. Paul said it's yes, yes (2 Cor 1:20). That's how it is in the Body of Messiah being holy, set apart for **His purpose**. That's who will inherit eternal life. Otherwise, if we're in the Body and we don't have that attitude, that same attitude as Messiah, it may be that we're merely pretenders. We're merely impostors. So we're not really holy. We can't fit into the category of the righteous either, to have a second life. It makes us **unjust**. That's why it says whoever claims to see, claims to be in fellowship with Him, claiming to see, but you really don't see, that the guilt remains. It's never extinguished forever and ever.

We have to be holy, set apart, holy, separate from the world people. That distinguishes us from people who say they're holy people of God but they're really not holy people of God because they're not set apart for His purpose. They're not doing His will on earth as a people. So He's set apart **a people** on earth to do His will — to bring about His purpose. That's who the holy are. You've got to be a part of those holy people in order to be continually holy throughout eternity. That's why it says to be holy *still*. Continue to be holy, continue to be set apart forever and ever and ever for His particular perfect will to accomplish through His holy people to rule and reign with Messiah forever and ever and ever (Rev 22:5,11). We're not going to be like dogs, or the other people who are unjust and filthy in the 15th verse. I just wanted to distinguish that and make sure that we understand that.

Destiny

Is our destiny set? Is a person's destiny set? Is there any way he can change it? So we have to really understand what the word destiny means in order to be able to proclaim the good news and the gospel. Saying what I said this morning about being holy is talking about salvation. It's talking about being saved. It's talking about the blood of our Master Yahshua cleansing us from all our sins in order to **set us apart, to be holy and set apart, sanctified in every way. So they have to understand these things. **This is what we're calling a person to.** This is what our Father is calling you to, to be separate and holy. The word holy, of course, has been perverted, so we have to bring it back and justify the word holy.**

So we have many ways of talking about the word destiny. Look it up in the dictionary and find out what the word really means. Destined, destination, destiny — look them up and you can find out what the word destiny means. Most people understand it in a certain way. It means where they're going to end up. Actually the

definition is where you go for eternity. It's the place that you end up due to your own actions; you go to a place.

And there are three places. It's according to the way they live, where they go.

Shelem: That's true that most people want to know what their destiny is. It's one of those words that people still have an idea of what it means. They always want to know what their destiny is. Actually they live such meaningless lives. They look to the stars a lot of times. That's why people get into this astrology stuff because they want to know what their destiny is and what's in store for them and what's their future. The only thing about looking to the stars is that it's totally out of your hands. They think of their destiny in this Greek way of thinking, as something that's been all mapped out for you. All you have to do is basically go along for the ride. It's either good luck or it's bad luck. That's your destiny. It's got nothing to do with you. You're just like a piece in a big puzzle.

But there's no way you can determine your own destiny very much. Some people get really passive. That's what really spoke to me through what Yoneq said, that we have a destiny that we can determine through our own actions. That's what we need to tell people that they're accountable, that it's their own actions that determine where they end up, where their destiny is. It's got nothing to do with the stars and bad luck and what sign they were born under, that they grew up at this address and whether their parents were this or that. It's got nothing to do with that. It just has to do with that they simply knew the right thing to do and they didn't do it. And again they knew the right thing to do and they didn't do it. And again they knew the right thing to do and they didn't do it. And again and again and again, they knew the right thing to do and they didn't do it. It wasn't just bad luck one time but it was their actions that determine where they are going.

I think people really do want to know what their destiny is. They're really uncertain and curious. They really desire to know and I think we can tell them and a lot of people will be saved because of it.

Nathaniel: I used to be a person who worried about trivialities. I used to get caught up in things that didn't matter anything at all compared to our destiny. I'm so thankful that what we're hearing this morning is really the most important thing in the whole of life. That's why our Master came and gave Himself for us to provide a way that we can spend eternity as sons for the Father's purpose to carry out His will. It really makes me not want to worry about any little thing that could crop up that could've caused me anxiety in the past. Because it matters nothing as long as we're doing our Father's purpose and having our heart towards Him, because it's our thoughts and our actions now that seal us for all eternity, how we are in this age, which is just such a short time compared to the whole of the eternal destiny.

I'm thankful that we can share this with confidence with the people of this world. I'm sure a lot of people think about it. But they get caught up in what Satan has provided to take their minds off what is reality. So I'm looking forward to when we have those papers about the three eternal destinies and we can talk to a lot of people who are going to come to Yahshua through that.

Nun: When Yoneq was talking, it made me think about this couple that came here that was a friend to this young man who was killed on this motorcycle out here in front of the farm, the other week. We were talking to them about this very thing, about their destiny and the destiny of that boy. They kept saying, "But don't you think it's just a matter of fate?" Like it's just in the stars, it's all predetermined. We kept bringing them back to the fact that that young man and they too, with their son, had been given authority to make choices in life and those choices determine the actions they take. However they think, those thoughts that they receive or reject determine their destiny. It all shapes their life. It puts them on a certain path that they go. They didn't really like that too much. I saw the whole spirit of this age is that they want to be free from that responsibility. They'd rather just leave it at that, it was just fate. It's out of our hands. It's all pre-determined. They even said out of the Bible that our days are numbered. I said, "Yes, they are numbered. Our Father infinitely knows. But still, your choices in life determine what happens to you. And He knows that. He's given you a conscience to follow to be able to make those right choices, to turn away from evil and do good. If you do good, you'll prosper. There'll be protection. God fearing people will be protected. *And even when they're not protected, they don't curse. If harm comes their way they receive it. They don't reject it.* I think in

this situation that boy was on the edge of his conscience. He went too far. Obviously He was always on the edge of his conscience, living in the fast pace of life, in that sense, a thrill, dare devil. He went too far. There was no protection. He was living for the moment. That was his motto. Well his moment came to an end."

Anyway we had this whole basis to talk to these people about the reality of eternal destiny — that they had an eternal destiny, how they conducted their life in relationship to their son (the friend of the boy who got killed). Their son's first impulse was, "I want to get rid of this motorcycle. What a fool I've been!" Then the father's counsel was, "*Now, now son, don't be hasty. Don't overreact to the situation. Take your time. Just let things settle in you.*"

Yoneq: "Did your conscience really say that?" (Gen 3:1)

Nun: The next day he got on the motorcycle and went about three miles and came back in. He felt a little bit better. Then the next day he went a little bit more. Then on the day of the funeral, which was about four days later, he was just out running around again. So I talked to him about the counsel that he had given him. He was responsible for what he passed on. If he was approving, then he was going to be held responsible for his son, the blood of his son being upon him.

His son was right. Those situations come into all of our lives to hit us on the head, to knock us back into reality, to give us good sense. The righteous have good sense. We weren't like that. ***But those circumstances were meant to bring us back to a place where the conscience can approve what is good and condemn what is evil.***

These people are going to come back. I was just thinking about fate. We have to make people know, it's not fate. They are responsible for the choices they make in life. And that **does** determine their destiny in accordance to what's already written in their conscience.

I want to read some questions just so that we can have a better understanding of what our paper will be about. I'm not saying that these are particular questions that we will be asking. But I'll just give you a little hint of how it's going to be according to the dictionary definition of the word destiny. I have formulated some questions. Whether these questions are good or not, at least it makes you think.

- a. What becomes of the person in the end?
- b. In what way does man control his own destiny?
- c. What will happen in spite of all his efforts to change or to prevent it?
- d. Does a person struggle in vain against his destiny?
- e. What is the power or agency that overrules one's destiny?
- f. What is the power or agency that determines the course of events overruling fate?

Destination: One's destination is the place into which a person is going or will be sent for eternity.

That's what they say destination means, not for eternity, but where one is going (added to the definition). One's destination is the place to which a person is going, or will be sent. It's the end of the road. It's the place you'll end up. You finally arrive at your destination. So where will you be when you finally arrive?

Predestination?

How can one be set apart for a particular purpose or use which determines his eternal destiny? Well, of course, in Messiah, that's the only way. That's what Holy is. We have to be set apart for God's ultimate intention. You're Holy.

Is a person destined to his fate, or is there a way to change it now?

Is man predestined, a fate which is unchangeable, a place where a person is intended to go, which cannot be altered in this life? Heb 9:27 says NO! Rom 2:14-16 says NO! It's according to a man's conscience, the natural law that every man has been given, natural law that's in his heart that he can choose if he obeys that law or not. It's his friend, his guideline, something our Father's put there to keep people from going to the second death. He doesn't want anyone to go to the second death. He

didn't make the second death for mankind. He made it for Satan and his angels. Therefore we can't be taken in by Satan and his angels. We have to understand that, angels are spirits. Therefore, the conscience combats that. It says, no that's not right, that's not right, that's not right, just like what Shelem was saying.

So Heb 9:27 says it's appointed unto man to die once — not twice, but once. Then after that, he'll be raised again to be judged to see whether he'll spend eternity in the Lake of Fire or in the nations that will fill the universe with His image. Now God's pre-destination does not mean that people are the helpless victims of an unalterable fate. They have the freedom to make their own decisions and they are responsible for what they do. A person better get himself into the will and purpose of God. That's the way to talk to a person. You better get yourself into the will and purpose of God and be set apart for His purpose in being holy if you want to escape the judgment. So you're going to go to the judgment. So are you going to go to the judgment and say, "I'm righteous, I'm going to go to the nations?"

No one would ever say that. Because their conscience would say, "Goodness gracious, I know that I've done wrong." You know what I mean? The most righteous people will say, "Goodness gracious, I know I've done wrong. I don't want to do that. I know that death is awaiting me. I want to accept Yahshua! I want to be free. I want to be set apart for His purpose! I LOVE HIM! I LOVE WHAT HE DID FOR ME! I'M SORRY I SINNED! HE DIED FOR ME! HE LOVES ME AND OUR FATHER LOVES ME!" That's salvation. That's what's communicated by the good news. That's good news. So a person better get himself into that place, into the body, baptized, receive the Holy Spirit! Holy! He's sent us His Set Apart Spirit so we can be set apart for Him. Understand? That's what Holy means: set apart.

So pre-destination means that you are *destined*. It means PRE-DESTINED — what will happen. Pre-destination means He pre-destines what will happen, or He has infinite foreknowledge of every man. He plans, prepares, appoints, decides, all according to His pre-determined will and purpose. Certainly that doesn't mean that He makes someone for destruction and makes someone else for something else. It's a *person's heart that makes him* because he resists God. Okay? So it's God that makes him that way **only** because a man chooses to rebut, that he chooses to go against God. Pharaoh didn't have to make the choices he did — God only strengthened (chazaq, #2388) what was already *in his heart*. He did this to display His might (Ex 9:15-16), but as for Pharaoh, he already was rebellious against what he knew to be right (Ex 9:17).

It says God made Pharaoh that way and God made this and that and people automatically assume that *God did that, that God is a crazy God, He's an unrighteous God!* That's what they say! If you rebel against your abba or imma then it stands to reason that you are going to go to the second death, because **you** didn't submit to God. You didn't submit to your parents. Conscience is here but it's like she said — I know the right thing to do but don't do it, I know the right thing to do but don't do it. So therefore it's my conscience that made me that way because my conscience was the standard. That's what it means. It doesn't mean that God made a person go to the Lake of Fire. He's not that kind of a God. You have to read the scriptures right. Unprincipled men distort the writings of Paul, to their own destruction. You better be careful when you read Paul because God makes it so that people would stumble when they read Paul. Unprincipled and untaught men trying to understand Paul outside of the Holy Spirit's teaching will stumble, and they will be accountable for what they teach.

Calvin's Heresy

This is where Calvin stumbled about what pre-destination meant. He said there was *nothing you could do about it*. It's unalterable fate. God just loves to see people fry, and things of that nature. But it says **God does not desire to see anyone perish, ANYONE, because He's a God of love.** (1 Tim 2:4). God so loved the world SO much that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever would believe in Him would not perish but would have everlasting life. **God loved the world.** He didn't hate the world. He didn't make people go to the Lake of Fire. **He's SAVING PEOPLE FROM THE LAKE OF FIRE!** He didn't come to condemn the world because the world is **already condemned**. He sent His Son to save the world. Whoever would believe in Him would be saved.

Do we understand that? That's basically the gospel. We've got to have this in our heart in order for it to come out of our mouth to justify God on the earth. So all men can, if they want to be, they can be righteous. In Rev 22:11, *every man can be righteous if they want to*, even though they're brought up in the worst environment. Eze 18 says even if you're brought up by a bad parent that did all these things, the boy, the girl, will still die for their own sins. They can't say, "Well my momma and daddy made me this way so I'm justified to be evil. No, you're not, because you still have a conscience regardless if they tried to teach you wrong. You still will die for your own sins. Certainly your parents will too, for being that way, but you yourself will die for your own sins. You have no excuse. That's what Eze 18 teaches us.

Men, if they want to be, can be righteous. Men were born with a conscience. They're not born perfect but they develop a conscience. They have a conscience in them. They know right and wrong. It's wonderful that they have parents that help them and support that and confirm in them that conscience. They have the opportunity. They can determine whether they want to be filthy or righteous.

So man is not the helpless victim to divine pre-destination as Calvin preached. Man is *not depraved*

The Word of God supports this. Man is not *turned over* to a low, debased mind (Rom 1:28,26,24). Calvin should have read that: you **become** debased. You **become** that way. He turns you over after a while, after there's no remedy. Your conscience just totally doesn't guide you anymore. You don't listen to it anymore. Man is not depraved until He **makes himself** depraved. Rom 1:24,26,28 proves that. **All men can make their own decision. God honors man! If you want to make your decision to go the Lake Of Fire, then you just keep going on and on and on and He turns you over. He says, "Okay! I can't do anything about it!" Righteously, He can't do anything about it. If you won't listen to Him, He can't make a robot out of you! So God honors a person's right to his own will. They make their own destiny, except for His lovingkindness that He's extended to them and they spurn that.** We're preachers of the Good News. That's what we are. We proclaim the good news. Let's be faithful to that.

Chen: I was thinking it's so wonderful that we can understand these things. We've been so poisoned. You have might never ever heard of Calvin, but he has effected you and he's effected me. The spirit that he received and passed and polluted the world with has affected us all. It really needs to be rooted out of our hearts, that we could justify our Father. I was thinking it's really easy for people to shift the blame on our Father. But if you come to a stop sign and you don't stop, is it the stop sign's fault that you didn't stop? That guy that came around the corner here — whose fault was it that he was going too fast? Whose hand was on the throttle of that motorcycle, going too fast? *It was his choice.* He went into the other lane. He went over the boundaries. Is it the boundary's fault? Is it the line on the road's fault that he died? No! They're there for his protection. They're there for a reason. They're there to protect everyone that comes down that road. It is poisonous to blame God for the choices we make.

Elionai: It made me think too in that situation where that guy was, it was already in him to be fast and to go right to the limit. It started way back probably when he was a child he started testing his parents in a little way, trying to go to the boundaries. Then when something actually happened he might have thought, man, how did I deserve that, why did that happen? But if you think back, there were all these little choices that you made to go a little bit further and a little bit further and then one time the evil one leads you to the place where you're lost. He plants these little seeds in you.

I was so thankful to hear that Abba wants to make a people out of us that would say yes, yes, yes, always. We learn it in little ways now, everyday, when our brothers come to us with a need or our Father's will for us and we learn to give up our own selfish ways in little ways, we learn that. That will make us overcome the evil one because it's really so strong in us to have our own head and our own mind. If we don't learn that, the evil one will bring up situations where things come together and we stumble, like that guy. He was too fast and he was with friends. There was a curve bending in the road and there was a car coming where he couldn't help but crash into that car. It was because way back he was always trying to go a little bit further and make a little bit

more and it was really in him. So that situation had to happen that way because before he could have listened. I'm really thankful we can be in the place to learn to always say yes, yes, yes, even if it comes hard to us sometimes. Those little yes's build up and eventually it will be really in us to receive one another and become really sensitive to what our Abba teaches us.

Chayil: I'm so thankful that all knowledge outside of Messiah is just garbage. People have all these books and they can talk about all these philosophies about where they're going to end up, their destiny, their understanding of it. But really, compared to the Bible, it's just man's knowledge of trying to get out of a place of reasoning against their conscience so they won't have to think about death, their ultimate destination, because everybody knows they're going to go to death. They try to mystify it somehow; they try to put philosophy to it. They think maybe they're going to get obliterated or they're going to end up in millions of pieces or become compost or something. It's just ridiculous. Until they hear the gospel that judges where they're going to end up. Then that makes the choice to receive the gospel or not to receive the gospel. Then, they're judged already. That makes it simple. We don't have to get into all those complications about where people are going to end up. We just have to tell them the truth. If they don't receive it, it's up to them. We're not robots. We're not on automatic. Things aren't just planned to turn up wrong. We have a choice to make. I'm thankful that we have a chance to make the right choice.

Yotham: I was thinking about the story we heard last night about Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel. The evil one's intent is deceive you into thinking there is more to gain by living for the moment, that there's more to gain from that momentary satisfaction or going around that corner a little bit faster or reaching out and taking something you know you shouldn't, thinking there's more to gain from that than doing what you know is right, which has eternal consequences. I'm thankful because we all grew up in that. I totally grew up in that spirit of well, "I don't know what's going to happen after I die so I just live for the moment now."

You end up doing all these things, making all these decisions that have eternal consequences. If there had been someone there, I know I had my conscience there, I guess I just kept on overriding it, which was saying, "Don't do it, don't do it." I'm really thankful now there's a voice that's going to really make it clear to people that they have an eternal destiny, that they're making choices now that are going to effect them for the rest of eternity. And even us, right now, the things I do today, the things I say today, the thoughts I have have consequences. I'm really thankful that now in this life. I read something that our Master said that really comes against what the evil one is saying in the world. Lk 21:34 — The evil one is working hard to deceive people into thinking that that day that's coming, that they're going to die, they don't know what to think about it, so *they don't even think about it*. Our Master revealed it to us what's going to happen and He took that judgment upon Himself and now we need to tell other people so that deception can be removed because they're making decisions right now, today that are going to effect them for the rest of eternity. And even us, right now, the things I do today, the things I say today, the thoughts I have, have consequences. I'm really thankful that our Master is waking us up to that, that there are consequences to the things we do

Nun: Every man knows the truth in his conscience so no man has any excuse. We can always call men to the conscience. That is the focal point, the anchor for us preaching the three eternal destinies.

That is it. That is the solid rock. It doesn't matter if you've been raised in a bad environment — there's no excuse, even in the community. There is no excuse for anybody. That's an absolute! I'm so thankful for that because that's the reason it's there in the Bible. It's in Rom 1 because that's the first thing people do as soon as you start bringing attention to the conscience, they start looking feverishly for an *excuse*. "Well, it was my grandfather. It was my mother. It was my bad environment.

Rom 1:20 says NO MAN HAS ANY EXCUSE.

Kepha: I was really thankful for what Yotham said about how many people in the world use that fogginess, who knows what happens after you die, they hide behind that so they can reason away their conscience and live self-centeredly. I'm really thankful that I read somewhere eternity is in the

heart of every man (Ecc 3:11). That's why there's no excuse. Every man knows they're eternal. When they're confronted with the gospel it draws on what is already in their heart. That's when the choice comes to them. They can either accept what we say or they can start reasoning. I never heard about Calvin. But that's in me. It's shaped the whole world. Society today is based on that. That's another aspect to it. The ecumenical spirit has all these avenues to not be accountable. It's so cunning — it's straight from the evil one. You start presenting them with eternity, it undermines it. It slips under the ecumenical umbrella. That's got to happen a little bit at a time. If we're righteous people then our Father can use us to wield the double-edged sword. If we're righteous then the words we say are going to be polished arrows. We're being cut by that same sword so when we wield it it's going to cut to the heart of things. Our Father will use this knowledge that we have to penetrate people's hearts and then they'll be facing what's in them, then they'll be called to account, to make a decision.