

The Three Eternal Destinies #51 Overview 4: First and Second Death (Job 31:1-40, NIV)

There are *varying degrees of righteousness* performed by the nations. The Judgment will give rewards for a *greater righteousness*, since we see that there are Kings of the Nations in the eternal age (Rev 21:24,26).

Job 31:1-40 is a *high standard* for the nations. People will be rewarded a second life even though they do not perfectly (of course) measure up to this high standard. Though they are faulty, they remain loyal (faithful) to their conscience. This means they never *abandon conscience* to the point of becoming *debased* (although they must not give into certain sins as listed in Job 31.) They will not be awarded a second life if what they did *violated* certain covenants of man: such as marriage, etc.

Job 31 covers many things God *requires* of the nations to uphold. The chapters 29, 30 & 31 in the Book of Job is the covenant for the nations. The Book of Job provides us with *evidence* that God *requires righteousness* from the nations and He *distinguishes* between the *righteous* and the *wicked* (Gen 18:25). He rewards the righteous with a second life and the wicked with a second death. Read through Job 29, 30 & 31 and see the everlasting covenant men are responsible to uphold. *Job was not a member of Israel*. When Job speaks of God, he perceives God in his *inner being* — His *vice-regent* (conscience). For example, this can be seen in Job 29:2-3 where it says, "When His lamp shone upon my head and by *His light* I walked through darkness..." Here we see the *righteous standard* of conscience at work. Yet in Job 30 it is contrasted by those who have *broken* the covenant.

The Righteous Standard for the Nations

Job 31 speaks about a covenant with his conscience ("eyes"). He speaks about *knowing God*, as Rom 1:18-20.

Then in Job 31:6 he speaks about "being weighed in honest scales" (that of his conscience, Rom 2:15).

Job 31:1-12 — Job begins discussing the sins of the *heart*, especially *sexual sins: lust* (verses 1-4), *cheating in business* (verses 5-8), and *marital infidelity* (verses 9-12).

Job 31:13-23 — Job reveals understanding concerning matters of *social justice, human equality based on creation* (verses 13-15), *compassion toward those in need* (verses 16-20), and how *power and influence* must *not be abused* (verses 21-23).

Job 31:16-17 speaks of the *widow, fatherless, and orphans*, as does Job 29:12-13. Job 31:24-28 points out being *covetous* and *greedy* (verses 24,25).

Idolatry is spoken of in verses 26,27 & 28.

Job 31:29-31 speaks of repaying evil with evil (*vengeance*).

Verse 32 talks about the *stranger* being given *hospitality*.

Job 31:33-34 mentions *hypocrisy*, verses 35-37 *justice*, verses 38-40 *social justice*.

These chapters in Job describe "The Just and the Unjust" — Rev 22:11.

In all these ways, everyone, after they have suffered *in the First Death*, will stand in judgment to determine how they kept this Covenant with God (through their *conscience*).

It will then be revealed if the First Death *paid for their sins* that they committed against God through their conscience (God's vice-regent that He has put inside of every man) or whether they were fully deserving of a Second Death. How did each person keep the laws of the land: speed laws, business practices, taxes, etc. Did they have *honest scales*? (Lev 19:36).

The Righteous in Rev 22:11 are the *only ones* who can pay for their own sins and be free to live a second life in the nations (Rev 21:3-4). The Unjust and Filthy must pay for their sins *for eternity* (the smoke of their torment goes up for ever and ever and their payment for evil never comes to an end).

Whereas the Righteous (who were *innocent* of the sins committed by the unjust and filthy, Rev 21:8), *paid in full* for the kind of sins which they committed. These were the sins that could be paid for (their guilt atoned for and removed) by the First Death.

The Object Lesson ~ Sons of Cain

The reason Gen 9:1-7 (especially verse 6) speaks about *capital punishment* is because Gen 6:5 was the re

sult of the race which was *generated* by a murderer. His evil influence and demeanor corrupted and polluted the earth. God *allowed* Cain to live in order to show the seriousness of what Num 35:34 means. So after the flood God instituted capital punishment for *all governments* to uphold (in the town councils of governments by the people, or in the kingdoms of kings or potentates). All are responsible to uphold the *everlasting covenant*.

Isa 24:5-6 — Once more the earth will be rid of all living *except a few*. Even as Gen 6:5 says, so it will be again, 5,000 years later. It took 1,000 years for Gen 6:5 to develop by the *violation of man's conscience*. All violated their consciences except Noah and his family. They started again with *additional instinctive understanding* called "natural law" (Rom 2:14-15) by which one must stand before the Judgment Bar of God and be judged according to this natural law of conscience.

Even *nature* teaches a person in the world that for a man to wear his hair long (like a woman) it is a shame and a disgrace to him (1 Cor 11:14-15). So he goes against the *law in his heart* (Rom 2:14) that *nature teaches* (which is the natural law of conscience).

To *break the law* is to go *against* God who put it *into their hearts*. It is *natural law*. Nature (the conscience) teaches that Gen 6:5 is the *consequence of murder*: pollution of the land where man lived.

Pr 28:17 is also *spiritual law* — "Do NOT support him."

Gen 9:6 (capital punishment) is natural law.

Ex 20:13 is God's law.

Rom 2:14 which is in man's *inner parts* or conscience.

"You shall not murder," commands God in Ex 20:13; 21:14; Pr 28:17; Num 35:30-34. Death must be atoned for by death (of the murderer.) Ransom money or any other punishment (besides execution) is *against the law of God*.