

The Three Eternal Destinies #78 *The Righteous of Revelation 22:11*

Fallen man has been granted the *right to choose* between good and evil since they have the ability and knowledge to do this. Gen 3:22 — Man *can* walk in a manner worthy of God's expectation of him (which is Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7) since man will be judged worthy of a second life or a second death (Heb 9:27; Rom 2:14-16; Rev 20:12-15). Mankind does not have to commit the sins listed in Rom 1:24,26,28, or Rev 21:8, or 22:15.

Calvin insists that even if man *did not* commit these kinds of sins, he will still go to the Second Death regardless — that is, unless he was *chosen* (predestined) by God to be saved by Christ. Reformed Calvinist doctrine teaches that even if a man chose the right or good thing and resisted the wrong or evil thing, God would still cast him into the Lake of Fire. Calvin presented a God who would do this to a person simply because he was not being chosen. How could anyone be held accountable by God when he had nothing to do with being chosen or not being chosen?

The Holy of Revelation 22:11

"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our life for the brethren" (1 Jn 3:16). If I *ought*, I can — but by the *grace* He provides as 1 Pet 4:10-11 or even Col 1:10.

Col 1:10; 1 Jn 3:16,23 — The *love* Messiah commanded His disciples to have in Jn 13:24, along with the *unity* He expects from those who do love as He loved in Jn 13:35, will be *displayed* to the whole world (the world that God loved *so much*). Jn 17:23 — This *unity* is what redeemed man *ought* to have as a result of *divine grace* (Heb 4:16).

These are only a few of the scripture verses commanding redeemed man (the Holy) in Rev 22:11. The Holy people, as Mal 1:11 foretells, is the Body of Messiah, and in every place, meaning in every township or locality where God has caused His name to dwell. There will be no *division* between anyone who belongs to this holy people. This means no *denominations*; it will be as it says in 1 Cor 1:2,10. This is what is *expected* by God from His redeemed holy people. This is how they know that they have eternal life dwelling in them (1 Jn 3:14,23; Jn 5:24). Anything less than what is expected by God and commanded in the scriptures would be nothing but a *religion*. This was seen in the Old Testament and the New Testament as well (1 Jn 2:4).

Rom 11:21-22 — What had come upon old covenant Israel came upon the church in Rome as well, to whom the letter of Romans with its warning in Rom 11:21-22 was written. They became a religion called the *Roman Catholic Church* or *Catholicism*. Later, the reformation by Luther broke up this religion into *hundreds of different variations* in every place (1 Tim 2:8) as in all major towns and cities today. This cannot be the royal priesthood of God's holy people (1 Pet 2:9-10).

The Keepers of the Second Covenant

The Righteous in Rev 22:11 are the people of the world who have lived by their conscience according to Gen 3:16-19 and 9:1-7. When men keep this covenant, as recorded here, then they are consistent as well in all other areas of their lives. When men live according to these guidelines, which are recorded in Gen 3:16-19 and 9:1-7, and which are also written in their hearts (a fact to which their conscience is bearing witness) their thoughts will defend them. But when men reject these guidelines, their thoughts will accuse them (Rom 2:14-15). The judgment in Rom 2:16 will determine their destiny.

Rev 22:11 speaks of three eternal destinies. If people violate their conscience they do all kinds of evil deeds as a result. So the last judgment in Rev 20:12-15 judges them for their evil deeds to a second death, as Rev 21:8 says

But if they lived according to their conscience, that is, according to God's laws written in their hearts, which can be called natural law, then *glory* and *honor* and *peace* will be their reward in a second life in the Nations (Rom 2:7; Rev 21:24; 22:2). Judgment means: *to render a decision*. This is the purpose of the judgment in Heb 9:27 and Rev 20:12-15. It will *determine* who are the Unjust, Filthy, and the Righteous of the nations.

The Holy, the Righteous, the Unjust, and the Filthy

How *holy* are we to be, or how holy *ought* we to be? Rom 2:1-3 judges the "holy" as *pretenders* and that they are not really holy at all.

Rom 2:5 — This is the religion of the world, called Christianity (Rev 18:4,8).

Because God is the Judge of the whole earth surely He will do right (Gen 18:25). There was Abraham — the Holy. There was Lot — the Righteous. There were the Sodomites — the Filthy, in Rev 22:11. Abraham thought that there may have been many righteous dwelling in these cities (# 6662 — righteous, Gen 18:23-25). The righteous that Abraham asked about would have meant those in Sodom and Gomorrah who were not doing what the outcry was against. The righteous would not have been practicing sodomy or unrighteousness. They would be *innocent* of the crimes that would have categorized them as *wicked*.

Two Kind of Righteousness

The Righteous in Rev 22:11 or Gen 18:24 are not those declared righteous by God based on *His merit*. The righteousness in Rom 4:6,9,11,22 was reckoned to man by God. This righteousness is God's merit alone by *faith* in Him. The Gen 18:23-26 kind of righteousness is a man's *own merit* by doing what he knows is right and not doing the things he knows are wrong. Hab 2:4 — will live and be accepted by God according to a man's own righteousness — *faithfulness* to his own conscience.

This righteousness is based on doing what God's *vice regent* (the conscience) knows. This righteousness is based on not doing what God knows is wrong and doing what God knows is right. This is the basis of the judgment after the First Death (Heb 9:27; Rev 20:11-15; Rom 2:14-16; Gen 3:22).

There can be no mistake about the evil of sodomy. The story of Sodom does not *merely warn*, but provides also a *documental account of God's judgment* (His mind, His determination, His attitude). He does not change. He is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. He is in a *fixed* state of mind regarding sodomy. As we can see by the *super-natural* disaster, the history of these cities is the *guarantee* that God will judge Sodomites in the future and whole cities where they dwell. What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah also shows that the Judge of all the earth does right (Gen 18:25), being personally persuaded of the justice and necessity of His judgment. Gen 18:20-21 — God acts, but in wrath He remembers mercy, and in the judgment shows discrimination (Gen 19:16,29).

So it is in Rev 20:11-15. God will show no partiality (Rom 2:11) but He will judge exactly according to what a person did. Rev 20:15 — If a person's name was not found in the Book of Life (the book that records those who will have a second life), he went to the Second Death (verse 14).

Those who passed through this judgment will repopulate the earth, replenish it as Gen 9:1 says. But now, after 7,000 years in abeyance, the way man was supposed to be in the beginning (Gen 1:26-28) will be fulfilled so that they can become the "ones" in Rev 21:3,4 (who will be God's People and the Holy ones will dwell among them; Dan 7:27 RSV; Rev 22:5 NEV). He will be their God, and they will be His People, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There will be *no more death* for them (Heb 9:27).

They are the Righteous in Rev 22:11 who will continue to "do right" throughout eternity. The Unjust and Filthy of Rev 22:11 will continue to be in their eternal state which they choose in this age as Rom 1:24,26,28 says.

They *became* unjust and filthy. They did not *maintain* their righteous state they were born in as the Righteous did, who now in the eighth day became God's people. God becomes their God since now in the eighth day His dwelling place is with them, "with men" — *natural men*, who are "Righteous still."

The Holy in Rev 22:11 are His dwelling place. This means His presence will be all over the universe where those who are "Righteous still" *colonize* — to the outer reaches of the universe.

The Righteous in Rev 22:11 were not expected to live as the Holy in Rev 22:11 since the Holy were expected to live by the Holy Spirit who made them holy. They were expected to produce the fruit of the Spirit dwelling in them as Yahshua was expected to produce the fruit of the Spirit dwelling in Him.

The Holy were expected to do all Gal 5:22-23 says because they did what verse 24 says. This was not demanded from the Righteous. They were *only* expected to live according to Gen 3:16-19 and 9:1-7 in the nations, and to do good to the holy ones who lived in the places as 1 Tim 2:8.

Gen 12:3; Mt 25:31-46 give us a picture of the ones who were righteous from among the nations, who did good to *Yahshua's brothers* (the holy ones). They were *rewarded* with eternal life (Mt 25:34,46; Rev 21:24,

26; 22:2).

Rev 22:11-15 — The Three Eternal Destinies of Man

The Unjust and Filthy of this world have never heard of Messiah, but lived *sensual* lives and *disregarded* their conscience (God's Vice Regent) in them. Or they have heard, but rejected the gospel and did not obey Messiah (Jn 3:18,36). They *ignored* the law of God written in their hearts (Rom 2:14-15).

They became so degraded that they were given up by God to a depraved mind (Rom 1:24). They had *transformed* the reality of God into what was unreal — something that all Christians have done (Jn 9:41; Rev 19:2-3). Rom 1:25 — Mary and Pope worship are just a few examples.

Rom 1:26 — They were given up to *degrading passions* (verses 28-32).

God's Exact Representation

Rev 21:3 — All the holy ones will be God's exact representation. They will be no less than Heb 1:3. The holy ones who are God's very dwelling place will mediate God to the nations, even to its kings. This is just as Yahshua said in Jn 14:6 that He is the Mediator between the Father and man (Rev 21:24; Jn 14:7-11).

No less than Yahshua will we be the *Dwelling Place of the Father*, the ones in whom all the fullness of the Godhead dwells in bodily form (Rom 8:19,29,30). No longer will the Nations be as Rom 1:23,25, needing a *physical representation* or manifestation in *animal form* (creature and creation, etc.), when the *real* sons of God in whom the fullness of the Godhead dwells in bodily form will be *revealed*. They will be all that the Nations desire in order to see God. They will see us — *His physical human representation* — (Rev 22:5) who *rule forever and ever* over all creation (Ps 8:4-7; Heb 2:6-13).

Col 1:16; 2:9-10 — And we will be *like Him in every way*, lacking nothing, as the sons of God (the *twin brothers* of Messiah).

1 Jn 3:1-3 — *Like (#3664) means the exact replica*, equivalent in stature, *identical*, corresponding to, same kind, counterpart, twin (not just *similar* but *like*), bearing the same image.