

## The Three Eternal Destinies #81 *The Last Cent*

Mt 18:34-35 in comparison with Rev 20:5-6 and 22:14, could mean that it may be possible that one could pay the *entire debt* of his own sin (Heb 10:26) *before* the thousand years are over. That is, if as in 2 Cor 5:10, the works he did were “good” and not “bad” by nature of his fellowship with Messiah and the apostles (Acts 2:42; Eph 2:10; 4:12) and the rest of the Body of Messiah.

Rev 20:6 and Rev 2:11 seems to be speaking of the same *second death* which is for *the believers in the edah*, and not talking about the Second Death *for the nations*. Rev 20:4-6 speaks of believers in Messiah only — not the nations. The second death has no *power* over those who are in fellowship with Messiah, who are covered by His blood continually and do the deeds worthy of Him (Col 1:10-11; 1 Jn 5:16-17; Jms 1:21; 5:20).

So, Mt 18:34-35 are *disciples* who are supposed to walk worthy of Messiah and if not, must pay for their own sins, that is, if they are not confessed, forsaken and restored. Pr 28:13 says they will never prosper until the *last cent* (Lk 12:59) is paid in this *present age* or in the *next age* (1 Tim 5:24-25). The “last cent” is the *entire guilt*, which must be removed from a *person's conscience* (Rom 6:23; Heb 10:26-31). So, nothing is certain except Rev 20:6; 22:14.

Rev 20:5 — *The rest of the dead* are those in Dan 12:2 who awake to *age-lasting life* or *age-lasting shame*. *Everlasting* means *lasting for an entire age*, or forever, for an age — *until it is over*.

Dan 12:2 — *Many* refers to those in the *first judgment*, not the second (or last judgment for the nations which is a 1000 years later). Dan 12:2 is *before* the millennial reign of Messiah (Rev 2:26-27; 5:10; 20:5-6). Those in Dan 12:2 are *believers*. Dan 12:1 — They are referred to as “Daniel's people” and as “those written in the Book” in verse 1 — “The Book of Life” (of the Kingdom age) in Rev 3:5.

Then those who *pass* the judgment (or those who were judged *worthy* of His reign by the *good works* they did), *attain to the glory of Messiah* in the next age. But those who *failed to pass* are disciplined for a thousand years in the “shame of their sins” (2 Cor 5:10; Jms 4:17; Mt 7:21).

Dan 12:1 — “At that time,” (11:40 — “at the time of the end”) and Dan 12:2, refers to 1 Ths 4:13-16. This “we” who have overcome who were “faithful” (Rev 17:14) will now conquer the whole world — the stone kingdom (Dan 2:44). Rev 19:11-20, 1 Ths 4:16, and Mt 24:29-31 go together, as well as Dan 12:1 and Mt 24:21.

The *wise virgins* will conquer and reign with Messiah over the whole earth in the *next age* (Dan 12:3). Then, in the eternal age, the wise will reign *forever and ever*, but along with the *foolish* who become wise during the 1000 year discipline and correction (the age-long shame and contempt they had to suffer in death, Mk 8:35-38).

Dan 12:2,3,10 — The wise and the foolish virgins. The foolish are *thawicked*. The wicked have *soiled their garments* (Rev 3:4). The wise are worthy, prepared and ready, with good deeds (2 Cor 5:10; Rev 19:8; Eph 2:10; 4:12; Col 1:10).

### Forgive and Forget

**But Mt 18:35 tells the story about not obeying Mt 6:12-15, and this means for parents and for children. Children must forgive their parents and parents must forgive their children, not holding anything against them. Forgive and forget** as if it never happened (Mal 4:6). Mt 6:12-15 means everyone in the Body of Messiah. Everyone who is *wise* (worthy of Messiah's kingdom) will not have *one cent* to pay, but only praise and thanksgiving. The wicked had no praise nor thanksgiving since they had not been *forgiven themselves* of accumulated sins that *stained* their wedding garment.

Their names were not found, due to their lawless deeds in the body, or bad deeds done out of fellowship or with sin on their conscience. Dan 12:1 — *All* believers names are in the book (recorded for the reign of Messiah in the next age) — *assumed* that all will be worthy, but at the judgment they are “found out.” 1 Ths 4:16 is *all believers*, but 2 Cor 5:10 tells us that only those **worthy of Messiah** will rule with Him as Rev 19:7-8 and Rev 3:4 says, for they are worthy. So, Dan 12:2 — *some were worthy and some were not*. Some were worthy of age-lasting life in the next age and some were *not worthy* of this age to come. Rev 2:26-27; 3:22 and those who hear the Holy Spirit speaking and obey Him now will be

worthy (Rev 3:20-21).

Remember Rev 3:19! We must all overcome as He overcame and love as He loved (1 Jn 3:16,23; Jn 13:34-35).

Understand? — Dan 12:10,3; Mt 25:2.

**Nun:** I was thinking about the reference that is given in Lk 12:59, “the last cent,” as the same Greek word given in Mk 12:42-44, which we are to pay *now* or it will be extracted from us later in judgment (2 Cor 5:10). Reading about the poor widow it says, “And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a *cent* [same as the Lk 12:59 *cent*]. And calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, ‘Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury, for they all put in out of their *surplus*, but she, out of her poverty, put in all she owned [or put in her *last cent*], *all she had to live on*.” It just came to me that our Father expects us to give Him our “last cent” — what we live on (or that “*keeps us alive in the Spirit*,” not as so many in the churches in Revelation which “had a *reputation for being alive*, but were, in reality, dead”). This “last cent” belongs to Him. We give it to Him when we offer it to His Body, His Temple. We don't serve Him out of our “surplus,” like the *rich Jews* who offered much wealth to the treasury. Our Father knows if we are only serving Him out of our surplus gifts and abilities in the Body or if we are offering Him the very “last cent” that would cause us to “go the extra mile, *really* laying down our life.” This would put us into such a needy, desperate place before our Father (like the poor widow) where in our consciences we would know that we have held nothing back from Him for ourselves while looking good all the while on the outside.

I think a lot of times I have been this way. I am sure many others could also relate, serving God from the “surplus” of your abilities, but not necessarily investing all 5 or 3 or 1 talents (grace) in His House. You can look like a pretty good servant, on the outside serving Him with 9 talents when all along He knows you have been given 10 talents of grace to serve Him with. The 10th talent is the “last cent” which we have to give Him now in this age to qualify for the kingdom age and reign with Him. Anything less than this seems to be like the “worthless slave” who hid his only talent and was *unwilling* to be close to His Master in poverty.

Pr 28:13 made me just think too that whatever we have that belongs to Him must be given back to Him or we won't prosper. Just as in confession we disclose our entire guilt in order to prosper, so in serving Him we won't prosper if we are not contributing everything — “our last cent.” Every member of the Body has grace and is expected by our Father to invest that grace into the Body to make it prosper. If it isn't invested, we may look good, even get recognition, but our Father knows. We are lazy, worthless servants — *self-centered*. We care *subtly* for our own lives, not wanting too much discomfort, or too much poverty, or too many demands. But a disciple who acts like this will never be close to Him. They will never come to really know Him, that “last cent” was never offered to Him. That “last cent” is what reveals the *true heart* of a servant, not all the good, showy 9% talents or handouts offered to the Body — not even the 4% talents given when our God knows that there are 5. The “last cent” means *voluntarily* offering *everything* to Him, whether that be in confession or in our God-given graces. That belongs to Him. That's everything. That's how He knows we've given everything to Him — nothing, not even the one “last cent” was withheld from Him. That's what makes us worthy to rule beside our Master in the next age. I want to be like that. I don't want to serve our Father out of all the *fleshly surplus* I have. He deserves the last cent now *while I live*. I want to do what the Spirit says (Rev 3:22) and serve Him “in the Spirit” by offering Him my “last cent.”

Surely, the “last cent” includes all our sins being confessed as well — our wedding garments being clean, washed now in this age. This is being *whole*, like whole-hearted, “made complete” like Paul said. I guess thinking about it like how I was above, just made me appreciate how our Master lived His life. We can look so good, giving out of surplus, especially if you have 3, 5 or 10 talents. But His eye is on that “last cent” just like it was that day in the temple when our Master saw the last cent of that poor widow. Our Master knows who's making the *real* “contribution.” It's more readily exposed (made evident) in the 1 talent servant if they aren't offering their “last cent.” They just stop functioning, but all

the others can just keep on going. They look pretty good, but they are just as much in the flesh, if not more. In Lk 19:27, He calls them “enemies” because they did not want Him to *reign over them*. They weren't serving from the Spirit. I want to be a servant who lives and serves *in the Spirit*, giving my “last cent” to Him and to His Body. I hate being worthless, lazy... our Father receives no glory from someone like this in the Body. There is no *joy* awaiting (Mt 25:23) anyone who *pretends* to serve our Father like this. Their consciences condemn them. Remember Ananias and Sapphira?