The Three Eternal Destinies #82Proving to be Holy

A note to teachers: When teaching, be discrete, that is, use discretion. That means be wise with due consideration, diplomacy, and good sense.

The judgment of the members of Messiah in 2 Cor 5:10 will be a judgment that discovers (reveals, exposes) the real reason (no excuses or justifications will be heard) for not doing the deeds of Eph 2:10. These are deeds that were not complete and did not accomplish their purpose. Rev 19:8 — For this reason we were unprepared (not ready) to meet Him when He came.

Mt 24:40-41; Rev 17:14; 1 Ths 4:14-17; 1 Jn 2:28; 4:17; Heb 10:38 — We were unprepared due to our infirmitie s (Heb 4:15) or as Ex 20:5-6, those inherited weaknesses in us which cause sin (due to the fall of man). These inborn tendencies and temperaments cause us to hurt others with our ways. These ways, if not judged by us (which keep us from loving as He loved, disobeying His commandment while claiming to know Him) are very serious (1 Jn 2:4; Phil 3:10-11). We must actually prove to Him that we do not love Him enough to do anything about these ways in us (1 Cor 16:22; 1 Jn 3:1-3) to purify ourselves.

Eph 4:2-3 speaks about these *infirmities* (temperaments, iniquities, bent ways) in us, which cause others to *stumble*. Mt 18:7 — These bent ways end up *destroying* others as well as *ourselves* (Pr 13:28; Heb 4:15). They must be dealt with according to our *love for Him* and our *hope for His appearing* and our *be ing like Him* (or being made like Him by the work of the Holy Spirit in us). This is by our <u>voluntary submission</u> to His work *in us* to perfect us (Col 1:28) to purify ourselves, to *become pure* as He is pure.

The *infirmity* in Gal 4:13 and in Heb 4:15 speaks of *weakness*. Gal 4:13 speaks of *physical weakness* (s ickness). Heb 4:15 speaks of *spiritual, mental, emotional,* or even *social* kinds of weaknesses which affect not only ourselves but others as well. These kinds of ways (Eph 4:2) or tendencies in us and others are healed by our *confession and renunciation of them*, being *open* about them, not trying to <u>hide</u> them. Through long-suffering and forbearance (when you feel others *rub you* the wrong way by their weaknesses) <u>we</u> are *purified.* We forbear and have patience with one another because we *love one another*. This is what Jn 5:24 means because we *love one another* (1 Jn 3:14,16,23).

Forbearing Love

1 Jn 3:14 — This love is aforbearing love, exercising all patience and endurance with your weak brothers and sisters (in that particular way in them). We do this so that we would not hurt others, but rather, be h ealed by the purification of the fire (Eph 4:3; Jn 17:21; Phil 4:5; Gal 6:1-2).

So Heb 4:15 — Our Master Himself wastempted in every way we are, and He exercised forbearance (patie nt endurance) and every fruit of the spirit which we also can produce. Just imagine if we were not filled with the Spirit. We would do every act of the flesh listed in Gal 5:19-21. But if we are filled with the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23) the fruit of the spirit are all ours to produce, since verse 24 is our personal experience and verse 25 is ours too. But verse 26 is not ours if verses 24-25 are ours.

So Gal 6:1 speaks of the faults our infirmities can <u>cause</u>. Gal 6:2 — We all need and must (ought to) fulfill the law of Messiah. The royal law (Jms 2:8) is the <u>law of Messiah</u> our King, the perfect law, the *law of liberty* (Jms 1:25; 2:12), freeing us from the *yoke of the Law* because the Spirit of Messiah is in us (Rom 8:4).

A social infirmity,

a sexual aberration or infirmity,

a mental infirmity,

a spiritual infirmity,

an emotional infirmity.

Any one of these <u>ways</u> in us causes problems —<u>trouble</u> in the Body of Messiah — and will affect other members of Messiah, causing *hurt or stumbling*.

Depising Your Brother

Mt 18:6-9 or 18:10 — Todespise a brother or a sister (because of one of these kind of infirmities) is a *gre at offense* (1 Jn 3:15).

To despise (#2706) means to have thoughts about them that are not positive. To build them up, as Heb 10:24, means we are to consider how to help them. But if we despise them (dis-esteem them in our minds or hearts), how then can we love them? (Jn 13:34; 1 Jn 3:14,16,17,23).

Despise means to think against, to exasperate, to do harm to them by not loving them (1 Jn 4:20), to hurt them, to ignore them, and cause others to despise them or think less of them, dis-esteem. Mt 18:10 is a serious sin unto death if carried out to cause harm or hurt to them, even by ignoring them, to make them feel not wanted or admired, to make them feel unworthy of your company.

Rom 12:16 is a commandment to "condescend (#4879) to men of low estate" (#5011 KJV). 1 Cor 12:18-27 (especially verses 22-24,25) — This is love in its most expressive form which answers our Master's prayer (Jn 17:21-23) by His commandment in Jn 13:34. 1 Cor 12:25 says to have the same c

Care is love —no one left out in the cold (1 Jn 4:20-21). Rom 12:10 says, "Be devoted to one another in b rotherly love; give preference to one another in honor." Verse 16 says, "Condescend to men of low estate" (KJV). "Treat graciously one regarded as inferior," and if it is beneath your dignity to do it, then re-read Rom 12:16. In this case your high-mindedness, haughtiness, and vain conceit condemn you. 1 Jn 3:14 equals 1 Jn 5:13. Mt 18:10 — Despise means to look down, or to look down as contemptible or inferior. 1 Jn 3:17 does not mean in just physical needs but also spiritual needs. This lonely one need s your love and care and concern.

Do not be haughty, or have exclusive relationships, but readily <u>adjust yourself</u> to different kinds of persona lities of people. Adjust to different temperaments that we all inherited from our parents. Do not overestim ate yourself and underestimate others (or be wise in your own conceits, Pr 3:7). Adjust, make suitable, adapt, alter slightly, regulate, win them over to the Holy Spirit in them. Though the infirmity in them may be different than yours (Mt 7:12) we can all relate on common ground. This is where the Holy Spirit dwells.

Eph 4:16 — If each person didheir part in the building it will be finished in a *fifty-year period*, having accomplished Isa 49:6-8; Mt 24:14; 21:43; Heb 10:13; Rev 11:15; 20:1-2; Gen 15:18; 18:19; Mt 19:28. The Holy have a *great debt* to pay (1 Jn 3:16-17; Ps 116:1-2). *Unfaithfulness* to God's anointed messengers, if laid to their *charge*, is a *sin unto death* (2 Tim 4:16). *Charged* — God puts our words and every action we do into a *debit or credit position* (or account) held for judgment. 2 Cor 5:10 — The Holy are justified by their deeds and actions and words, not as Rom 4:2, but shown to be justified (Jms 2:21).

Abraham was declared to be righteous, holy, set apart for God's own purpose (Isa 53:10). He was justified by his *works of righteousness*, or he *proved to be justified* by his <u>works</u> (Jn 15:8). He showed *outwardly* to be righteous.

Evidence of salvation comes by works, as Jn 3:14 proves Jn 5:24. There is no other way to prove it or to know it except by the fruit. 1 Jn 3:23-24 — If we keep His commandments and bear fruit, the Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our heart and confirms that we are His children (1 Jn 3:14,23,24; Rom 8:14-16).