

## The Three Eternal Destinies #113 *Extenuating Circumstances*

The ones who are righteous still in Rev 22:11 deserve honor and glory and to be rewarded with eternal life as Mt 25:34. But there may be *extenuating circumstances* for some who transgress. For example:

A man works by the sweat of his brow according to the Everlasting Covenant in Gen 3:16-19. He believes in capital punishment and votes only for candidates for public office who uphold Gen 9:5-6. He believes in Gen 9:1 and as far as he can do it, he rules over his family and his wife and his children. He believes in home births (Gen 3:16) of course (what else?). Like the man in Eze 18, he didn't eat blood, took care of his animals. He supported the government and authority. He volunteered to go to war to save his nation from a tyrant. But, his wife's desire is not so great for him. Can there be an extenuating circumstance? The husband's thoughts wander toward his neighbor's wife. He, as 1 Cor 7:5 says, is set up for a temptation from Satan. The circumstance finally presents itself. A feeling comes over him at just the right time and he falls prey to his temptation. The temptation became more irresistible because of her promptings, since *her husband was not one who worked by the sweat of his brow, etc.*, like the man in Eze 18.

So the neighbor's wife became less and less able to respect her husband and the good man would now work by the sweat of his brow with his eyes wandering to his neighbor's backyard. The good man senses his wife's desire decrease more and more and his neighbor's wife's desire for him increase more and more.

At the judgment of Rev 20:12-13, how will the Saints judge this man who finally was killed by the neighbor. Where is justice?

In our marriages we know the evil, cunning strategy of the evil one, his tactics. We know 1 Cor 7:5. We know Eph 5:22-33. We know Titus 2:4. Love means *affection for*, which is the desire a wife is to have in Gen 3:16, which keeps the husband true and patient. Her desire for him or her affection keeps the husband thinking right, not entertaining evil thoughts and accusations of the evil one and his temptations. Just a little affection goes a long way. "For little things mean a lot."