

The Three Eternal Destinies #128Destiny

The NIV in Heb 9:27 uses the word *destined*... "It is *destined* for man to die once..." (Heb 9:27).

Is it destined for a man to die once or twice?

Is it appointed for man to die once or twice?

Is it destined or has it been appointed for a man to die once or twice?

It is destined for a man to die once or twice.

It has been destined for a man to die once — or twice?

Well, it is according to the judgment after a man has died the first time (Rev 20:11-15; Rom 2:6-16 as Rev 21:8).

There is a second death awaiting all who have sinned the sins that make a person worthy of a second death. As the NRSV says in Ecc 7:20, not all men sin the same, although all sin. Not all sins have the same consequence, obviously, as Rev 21:8 says. Rev 22:11 speaks of the righteous but Ecc 7:20 says they are righteous, but not so righteous as to not sin at all. Rom 3:23 says all men have sinned, but not all have sinned alike. This is why there is a judgment in Rev 20:12 to determine the consequences of their sin they committed in their life, as Heb 9:27 says. Living in sin is living a self-centered life, and Rom 6:23 is the only remedy now in this present evil age (Gal 1:4).

Ecc 7:20 — Surely there is no one on earth so righteous as to do good without ever sinning.

Ecc 7:29 — *See, this alone I found that God made human beings righteous but they have devised many schemes* — for it is obvious that it is a deliberate choice on their behalf to invalidate their conscience as Rom 1:18 and following.

Ecc 7:20 admits that there are the righteous, even as Lot (Gen 18:23,25 and 2 Pet 2:6,8), as well as the filthy, etc. Rev 22:11 — The righteous do sin, but not in the same way or kind of sins as the filthy and the unjust.

Mt 6:31-33 distinguishes the Righteous from the Holy — the Righteous seek first for their own food and clothing for their own family, but the Holy seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness in their new family (Mk 3:34-35), the Holy Ones (Jer 31:1).

The righteous of the nations are fallen as Adam and are self-seeking or self-centered, but not as the Unjust and Filthy are self-centered, to the point of depravity (Rom 1:24,26,28-31).

The Holy are not to be self-centered. They are the only ones who can seek first for the kingdom of God and His righteous and what the Righteous of the nations seek first for will be given to them as well. But the righteous work as Gen 3:19 to provide food and clothes for their family which is fitting for them to do. But what is fitting for the Holy to do is seek first for what they are to be fully devoted to. 2 Cor 5:15,17 — This is the new employment for the redeemed (Eph 2:10).

So, we can distinguish between the unjust and filthy of the world, the righteous of the world, and the holy of the kingdom of God (Jn 13:35; 17:23).

So, we see in Heb 9:27 that the first death for all who are not in Messiah is their destiny. But their eternal destiny may not be the second death, it may be the second life. The judgment decides one's eternal destiny. Rev 20:12 according to what one did in this life.

Heb 9:27 — A divine appointment with death is destined for all men outside of the commonwealth of Israel (Eph 2:12) and then the judgment follows this first death (Rev 20:11; Rom 2:6-10,16). And what will your eternal destiny be then? It is according to what you do *NOW*.