

The Three Eternal Destinies #140 *The Goodness of God, Part 1*

The Three Categories of Men

There are three eternal destinies mentioned in Rev 22:11, prepared for the three categories of human beings that had been on the earth.

1. **The unjust and filthy who were led astray go to the eternal second death, which is the Lake of Fire.**
2. **The Righteous who were not led astray go to the eternal nations.**
3. **The Holy who were redeemed by the Messiah goes to the Holy City.**

All their destinies were prepared for them, who were well worthy and deserving of the judgment prepared for these three categories of mankind who lived on the earth the past 6,000 years since Adam and Eve fell in the Garden of Eden in the beginning of human history. The first man to be born of Adam and Eve was Cain, then Abel. After Cain murdered Abel, Seth was born. Cain was worthy of the second death, but Abel and Seth were worthy of the second life. This is the reward of all men after the first death (Heb 9:27; Rom 2:14-16), who lived by their conscience and kept the natural law. They will be judged and rewarded with a second life. But those who are as Rom 2:6-10 says were worthy of the second death, committing the kind of sins mentioned in Rev 21:8, will be rewarded with the second death.

In Rom 2:6-10 we see the first two categories of man in Rev 22:11, both the unjust and filthy and they righteous or the just. In Rev 22:11 we see that both categories will be given exactly what they deserve. Cain, Abel, and Seth were born of Adam – fallen just as billions of others down through history who have had to live their lives choosing a path, which ends up in a judgment determining their eternal destiny. It is obvious to any reasonable and just man that mankind born of Adam's seed was not born *depraved* as Cain became in Gen 4:7,13. He *became* depraved as Rom 1:24,26, and 28 says. This teaches us that man was not born in depravity – was not born worthy of Satan's prepared place in eternity (Mt 25:41). But all of mankind was born able to choose their own destiny (Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7; Rom 2:6-10,12-16).

The Creator of all started over with the fallen man Noah and his three sons to fill the earth under the increased protection of an extended covenant with his conscience. Gen 3:16-19,22; 9:1-7 – gives men of the nations an increased chance to be cognitive so that they would not be led astray from his worthiness of a second life determined by the judgment of his deeds (Heb 9:27; Rev 20:12-15). Those who lived according to their instinctive knowledge of good and evil would be worthy to be the "MEN" in Rev 21:3-4, among whom the holy ones who are God's dwelling place will be in their midst.

The holy ones are those in Rev 22:11 who made themselves worthy to be God's very own Body, a house, a tabernacle, a temple or dwelling place, by receiving the faith to believe in their heart (Rom 10:9,10,13,17, etc.). That is, they believed through a sent one from one of the twelve tribes of Israel, who had been sent out to proclaim the good news, establishing tribes and clans all over the earth for the final witness and fruit of Mt 21:43 and 24:14.

Rev 21:3 speaks of both categories in Rev 22:11, the righteous men and the holy ones, who made themselves to be the tabernacle of God. This tabernacle is the dwelling of God, the Body of Messiah, the twelve tribes of Rev 21:9,12 who are the very representatives of God in the flesh, as Yahshua was when He visited the earth and died for the sins of His people who became the dwelling place of God.

Rev 21:3 – God is now incarnate in the holy ones who dwell with men. Notice it is "the tabernacle" or the home of God who dwells among "men." His people are now the "righteous" in Rev 22:11 who were in the nations of the world who never heard the true gospel from a true sent one. And if anyone did hear the gospel from a sent one and did not believe through him, he is one of the fearful and the disbelieving of Rev 21:8, as Jn 3:18,36 says. They were not just those who never believed because they never heard the good news. Jn 5:24 says one must hear as Rom 10:17 says. They did not believe or receive the faith because they were afraid to obey the

gospel (Jn 3:18,36,19; Mt 10:37-38; Mk 10:28-30; etc., like Lk 14:26-33). Only those like Mk 3:35 are worthy of eternal life in Messiah.