

The Three Eternal Destinies #189 *Practicing Righteousness*

Eve did not keep on committing the sin of disobedience, so if she did not *practice* disobedience but came under Adam's protective rule, having a positive desire for him, then she would not go to the second death. Likewise if Adam did not practice disobedience, but ruled over Eve in love, working for his family's support, as well as anyone who would have come aboard Noah's ark, keeping the way God designed for them, they would not merit the second death either. Adam and Eve were already judged worthy of the *first* death, and even Noah, for all have sinned and all are appointed to the first death (Rom 3:23; Heb 9:27), but not all have kept on sinning to the point of becoming filthy or unjust (Rev 22:11). Some have retained their righteous state in the likeness of God (Gen 3:22, after the fall).

Only the Holy gain a new robe of righteousness "as if they had never sinned," but must keep it spotless and clean by the blood of Yahshua their Redeemer (1 Jn 1:7; Col 1:10; Eph 4:1-3; 12-16). They must keep Jn 8:31, 32,51 to be worthy of the Kingdom in the next age (Rev 3:4-5; 19:7-8). Even if the new robe is stained to the point that it cannot come clean during the remaining time a believer lives, even until He comes, his robe will eventually be cleansed, even if it takes 1000 years as Dan 12:2 says (1 Cor 11:27-31; 1 Jn 1:6 – 2:2). Even if a person builds with inferior materials (1 Cor 3:10-15), he still will be saved as through fire. But if one destroys, he will be destroyed with the rest of the unbelieving world (1 Cor 3:16-17; Isa 49:17), since those who destroy are tares (Mt 13:40-42,49-50).

Even if we bury our talent (Mt 25:30), we are still His servants, even though we prove to be useless and foolish virgins. Mt 24:40-41; 25:1-13 — Evidently only 50% of His own people will be wise virgins (Dan 12:10); only 50% listen to what the Spirit says to the Edah every morning and evening; only 50% offer their bodies as a living sacrifice (Rom 12:1-2); only 50% are unstained by the world (Jms 1:27). Rev 2 and 3 — Hear what the Spirit says to the Edah (*selah*). Only 50% will be faithful to the end (Rev 17:14; Mt 24:13,40,41). 50% will see death (Jn 8:51) to pay for the sins they never confessed (Rom 6:23; Pr 28:13; 1 Jn 1:9; 2:1-2, 4; 1 Cor 11:27-32).

But anyone who has the attitude of Phil 2:2-5, which was of course our Master Yahshua's attitude (Eph 2:15-16) will fulfill his purpose as one of the Holy Ones, walking in the deeds prepared beforehand for him to accomplish (Eph 2:10), through which he will be "dressed and ready" for Messiah at His return (Rev 19:8). He will prove to be a wise and not a wicked servant (Mt 25:14-30); he will not be caught unaware or unprepared (Rev 3:3-5; 2:4-5).

1 Tim 2:8 means without *any* alienation, strife, or division as in Christianity. Mal 1:11 will come about through Rom 12:1-2 and 1 Tim 2:8, which is the witness of Mt 24:14. Only those who give themselves to the Refiner's fire (Mal 3:1-3; Rev 3:18) will be a part of this acceptable sacrifice. Rev 3:18-21 — The choice is ours: if we haven't done 18, we can do verse 19; if we do verse 20, we can be included in verse 21. Our Father reveals to us just exactly what we must overcome of "all your enemies" in order to fulfill Heb 10:13.