

## **The Three Eternal Destinies #214**

### ***The Predominance of Sin is the Reign of Death, Part 1***

Rom 5:14; 6:12 — The first death reigned supreme over all humanity from Adam to Moses (Gen 2:17; Heb 9:27). The word *reign* in Rom 5:14,17,21 and 6:12 means “to be king,” as in the rest of the New Testament it is used in a positive way, as a king who reigns over all things for goodness’ sake (Rev 20:4,6; 22:5). We are given power and authority to rule (#1849) as in Rev 2:26-27. #4165 is delegated authority to rule, which is given to elders, etc., by the laying on of hands, to lead and to shepherd the flock and to feed it with nourishment from the teachings (Mt 2:6; Acts 20:28; 1 Cor 9:7; 1 Pet 5:2; Rev 2:27).

Rom 6:12 is predominance. Sin is selfishness (Rom 6:23); it has predominance over us if we are not filled with the Spirit. Sin comes in very subtle ways, forms, and fashions, dominating over the flesh. Jms 1:14-15 — Sin or Satan (evil spirits) exerts the supreme determining or guiding influence on the fleshly mind and inclinations. But sin or Satan (evil spirits) has no power over a human spirit saturated or full of the Holy Spirit. The only way or the only time when Satan can have his pre-eminence over a person who is a disciple is when he is fallen away from grace. When we pray, if we are not praying Mt 6:13 as one of His major commandments, how can we say that we love Him (Jn 14:15; 1 Jn 2:4)? If we are not praying this then we will be tempted beyond our capacity or ability to stand on our own. This temptation leads to a second death for us (Jms 1:14,15; 5:20).

For one to be fallen from grace means he is trying to keep “His commandments” (the Law) without grace and faith. Grace was available to him at one time, or every time he would go to the throne of grace (Heb 4:16), so to be fallen is to drop out or be driven out by the influence of the evil persuasion of Satan, or as Heb 2:1 says, *drifting away*. To stay on course takes the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:1-4) leading and guiding you,

empowering you to stay on course, which is only possible by diligence (Phil 2:12-16; Isa 49:4; 2 Tim 4:2-8; Acts 13:47).

### **Myths and Fables**

2 Tim 4:4 — A *myth* is that which is fabricated by the mind, set over against the real and actual truth, as a preacher fabricates or makes up a sermon for the purpose of deception, but without actually being aware that he himself is deceived (2 Tim 3:13). Billy Graham has been a good example of this, as all preachers of the gospel who have convinced multitudes to believe in a story in the Bible, and that if you ask Jesus into your heart you will go to heaven when you die. This “gospel” is presented by one who seeks his own glory (Jn 7:18a; 2 Cor 11:4,13-15), who is a servant or minister of Satan.

2 Tim 4:4 — The gospel was turned into a fable; it became a myth, or no more than a fable, a fantasy one believes in. This came by a gradual turning away or falling away, drifting, having itching ears (2 Tim 4:3) for the preacher who sounds the best, who is more exciting, etc. They couldn't endure sound doctrine (#1319,22), the teaching of the truth with the authority of Yahshua upon them to bring about the obedience of the faith (#4102, Rom 1:5), which is obedience to the persuasion of the Holy Spirit. That was the nature of the teaching when the apostles were present (Acts 2:42,44; 4:33) and the people were in fellowship with them. Their teaching is *instruction* (Mt 28:18-20).

The myth or fable was a creeping thing that came in, which was the broad road (2 Tim 4:3), since they could not endure sound teaching such as Mt 28:19-20. So, having itching ears, they sought out or received false teachers, following after their own desires. Looking for an easier way, they heaped to themselves teachers (#1320) they wanted to obey (1 Tim 1:3-6), teaching obedience without the grace and faith which comes from the Holy Spirit. Since they were fallen away from grace, they accepted teachers who gave them another way (2 Cor 11:3,4,13-15; Acts 20:28-30). They no longer received the true apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers (Eph 4:11-16). It was no

longer 1 Tim 1:5, but a spirit that causes verse 4, which today is manifested in over 37,000 different ways of understanding the Bible. But the pure teaching (1 Jn 2:27-28) prepares a people for Messiah.

All my Christian experience of going to church and actually wanting to be saved, going down to the “altar” many times, but only receiving what was just a mythical belief, showed me the reality that this Jesus existed only in my imagination. I had never heard the sound teaching of the truth and what I had to do to receive eternal life, which was impossible to hear from the Holy Spirit in any Christian church. Eternal life could only be accepted as a myth, though I never conceived of this, thinking Christianity was the true religion and that all preachers were espousing the true and only way to heaven. I never conceived that the gospel I kept hearing was a seduction, even as Eve was deceived, by the preacher and his flock who claimed to see (Jn 9:41). It never entered my mind, nor did I have the slightest conception of the deception Christianity was under. I almost gave up hope.

So the gospel I kept hearing was merely a fabrication of the mind set over against the real and actual true Son of God. 2 Cor 11:4,13-15 — All who accepted this Jesus accepted a myth, but never would even conceive of such a thing, being well deceived by the Serpent through his minister whom they could see and hear and accept as true. Being only mythological, this religion is worthless (Jms 1:26-27) as it cannot change the core of humanity’s flawed nature.

The Christian gospel does not necessarily lack factual basis or historical proof, but the element of truth makes the error lethal, inducing multitudes to believe a preacher who is a huckster, one who promotes himself through showmanship and peddles the word of God. He is well-trained in seminary in order to deceive as a servant of Satan (2 Cor 11:14-15), modifying or adulterating the word of God. The word translated *peddler* in 2 Cor 2:17 (#2585) means a huckster or a petty trader who sells his wares wholesale, as an evangelist, drawing a crowd who came to hear the gospel in order to be saved. But

then he passes around a bucket to put their money into it to pay for his wares, profiteering from God's word.

They preach for money while believing themselves that this is right, but all the while are very crafty, deceived and deceiving others (2 Tim 3:13). "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." But who adhered to what Paul said in verse 14? Timothy did, but the masses, if they heard this, were already believing in a myth, as 2 Cor 11:3-4, without knowing it, due to them not heeding Heb 4:16 or Mt 6:9-13, and the countless other words of instruction of the apostles and prophets and evangelists and shepherds and teachers. They had fallen away from Acts 2:4 as they walked in darkness (1 Jn 1:3-6) and called it light, as is so prevalent today (Pr 20:20; Jn 3:19).