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“Sinners Condemned: Destined for Fiery Judgement!”

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“**B**ut the fearful, and the unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake of fire which burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death” (Rev. 21:8).

Here is a statement I want each reader to carefully consider: Some people already have fiery judgement ordained as their unchangeable, everlasting destiny. How a person responds to this statement says a lot about who they really are. Some will respond with immediate rejection. This shows one or more of the following

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And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. (KJV)

This story has been told and retold often. This is a favorite ‘Bible story’. Along with Noah’s ark and Daniel in the lion’s den, this story is in every “Children’s Bible Stories” book that there is. The moral is given at the end: do not kill your brother, or we are all our brother’s keeper (that is from

conditions...

1. Preconceived notions about God and man based upon spurious religious training.
2. A free will religious background of weak divine justice, powerless grace, and empowered human volition.
3. The natural bent of fallen human nature toward love for self and hatred for God.
4. The natural and insatiable love of fallen man for sin and his contempt for the absolute justice of the thrice-holy God.
5. A person completely con-

vinced within himself or herself that they are as righteous as God Himself. Others will respond in apathy. This shows one or more of the following conditions...

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nomie, and civic based religious gospel [which is indeed not the gospel of God] of the upper classes.

2. A person with an overly timid temperament, especially toward “religious” things.
3. People with a total lack of spiritual backbone, a.k.a. cowards.

But there are those who, although originally shocked at first reading such, they will respond with a desire to know more about this. This shows at least one of the following...

1. Possible spiritual enlightenment but a timid temperament.
2. Possible spiritual enlightenment but limited in the knowledge of the truth.
3. Human intrigue based upon the curiosity of fallen human nature, which tends to take spiritual truth and twists that truth for its own fleshly designs.

There are, of course, those soldiers for the truth of God’s unbending justice who take a hardy and straightforward approach to this fact. They do so because, according to scripture and in light of God’s absolute holiness, the Almighty (who does nothing apart from divine, eternal purpose) determined that rebels would be punished with severe judgement (Ecc. 3:14-15; Prov. 16:4-5; Rom. 1:2-3; 9:22).

We must all take note that this judgement was no mere collective

and impersonal determination by God toward sins in particular but only toward men and women in general. In other words, the individual persons mentioned here in The Revelation of Jesus Christ chapter 21:8 are said to have their “*part*” in the lake of fire. This word *part* can be, when speaking of a place, such as the lake of fire, it can be translated as *destiny*. God’s holiness certainly determined or ordained, by counter distinction, what conditions and actions would be unholy and thus sinful. But God, in His individual election of a people to salvation, out of the mass of humanity (of Gentiles, Acts 15:14; of Jews, Rom. 11:5-6; of the whole human race – Jews and Gentiles, Rom. 9:1-29; II Thess. 2:13-14) also reprobated the rest by foreordination (of perverted humanity, Rom. 1:21-32; of humanity Jew and Gentile, 9:13, 17-18, 21-22, 27-29; the truth rejecting of the human race, II Thess. 2:10-12; and of apostate teachers Jude 4-5) to finally have their justly deserved lot, or portion, or section, or allotment, or piece, or share, or destiny in the lake of fire. To reply against this truth, whether against the election or the reprobation or both, is not just a response against a human idea or a religious opinion among many religious opinions, but it is to actually reply against God (see Rom. 9:19-20). We should also note that these sinners *shall* have their part in the lake of fire. This unquestionably shows the absolute certainty and the unchangeable nature of their everlasting doom,

which, though not yet come upon them, it is already foreseen and prophesied for them. To reject this is to reject God’s sure wrath and judgement (Rom. 1:18-20; 2:1-3; 3:5-6, etc.).

To those who would respond with rejection, apathy, or shock and dismay I am compelled to say this, it may well be to you that “Except ye repent ye shall likewise perish.” To these I also say that nothing short of the free and reigning grace of God, which you may presently now despise, will bring you to repent – you are shut up unto God’s sovereign mercy! To those who would respond with a desire to know more I warn against mere human intrigue, for such as this only is the manifestation of the lack of that same aforementioned grace of God. But one thing does tend to show whether the interest is mere human intrigue or the outflow of free grace given by God, and that is true God given spiritual interest continually moves a person to know Christ in His person and work, and those so desirous seek the fellowship of like-minded believers. An interest in doctrine only will lead to destruction when Christ is not the central love of the heart, mind, and soul. Finally, to those soldiers who already stand forth in defense of the great truths of God, even election and reprobation, to these I say, stand fast and be diligent and let not the whining of cowards embarrass you or the threats of vicious rebels make you shutter. The enemies of God may, if God so ordains, they may well **Condemned cont Page 3**

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destroy our reputation among their fellows, and they may kill our bodies, but let us beware when all men speak well of us and remember that only God can destroy both the body and the soul in hell. To our great God be all the glory, both for His free grace and for His absolute justice!

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was not just dumb luck that Abel brought a lamb. For if they were totally ignorant, how would they have known to bring an offering at all? In GEN 4:9 is the beginning of a conversation between the LORD and Cain. God spoke to this man; it is reasonable to assume He had spoken to Cain, Abel and Adam.

God clothed their parents in the skins of an animal after they had sinned in the garden of Eden (GEN 3:21). This was another picture of substitution, the work of Jesus Christ. Cain was a bad man; this was shown in the choice of his offering to God. He gave of the fruit of a cursed earth. No blood was shed in Cain's offering and without blood, there is no remission of sin. The blood of a lamb could not take away sin, but it was a shadow of Who was to come. These offerings in the Old Testament were pictures of what God's only begotten Son was going to do for His people. Cain thought he could please God with what he had done with his own hands. This showed that Cain's heart was not right with God. He was against God before he killed

Abel. His offering showed that, and Cain's behavior was the result of the hatred that was already in his heart. Death awaits all who do not follow God's ordained way.

Luke Chap. 17:20-37

- 20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:
- 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.
- 22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see *it*.
- 23 And they shall say to you, See here; or, see there: go not after *them*, nor follow *them*.
- 24 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under heaven, shineth unto the other *part* under heaven; so shall also the Son of man be in his day.
- 25 But first must he suffer many things, and be rejected of this generation.
- 26 And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.
- 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe

entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all.

- 28 Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;
- 29 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed *them* all.
- 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.
- 31 In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.
- 32 Remember Lot's wife.
- 33 Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.
- 34 I tell you, in that night there shall be two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.
- 35 Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- 36 Two *men* shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
- 37 And they answered and said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Wheresoever the body *is*, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

Lord I Believe

1. Lord, I believe;
Thy pow'r I own,
Thy word I would
obey; I wander,
comfortless and
lone, When from
Thy truth I stray.

2. Lord, I believe;
but gloomy fears
Sometimes be dim
my sight; I look to
Thee with prayers
and tears, And cry
for strength and
light.



3. Lord, I believe;
but oft, I know, My
faith is cold and
weak; My weak-
ness Strengthen
and bestow The
confidence I seek.
Yes, I believe; and
only Thou Canst
give my soul re-
lief; Lord, to Thy
truth my spirit
bow; "Help thou
my unbelief!"

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