And we, the living? How do we decide our destiny?

The fate of the dead is already sealed. God says that "men are ordained die once, coming after that, the judgment "Hebrews 9:27. Now it's up to us make the right decisions and decide our sake for eternity. Once someone asked: "What do I need Do you save me? And they said, Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your house "Acts 16:31,32. With the power of Christ, allied to the personal effort to correct life, the true believer in Jesus will correct character defects and will be prepared to eternal life. "The soul that sins, is he will die ... but if the wicked turn from all his sins he has committed, and keep all my statutes, and judge judgment and righteousness shall surely live; he will not die. In all the transgressions he has committed there will be remembrance against him; for your justice who has done it, shall live.

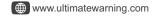
"Ezekiel 18: 21-22. We should lean on Jesus, asking His help and reading His Word, to follow path of life. Just keeping us with Him, we will be safe. "... today I have proposed to you the life and the well, death and evil; because I command you, today, that you love the Lord your God ... and that keep His commandments * ... so that live and multiply, and the Lord your God, bless you ... but if your heart deviate, and you will not listen ... then I denounce you today, that certainly you will perish ... choose life, so that living ... loving the Lord your God, giving heard to His voice and drawing near to Him; because He is your life. "Deuteronomy 30: 15-20.

God bless you.

* The Ten Commandments of God are in Exodus 20: 3-17, in the protestant and Catholic Bibles.

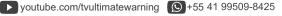
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"I do not want brothers, be ignorant of them that sleep, that ye be not grieved, as the too, who have no hope. Because if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so also to those who sleep in God He will bring it back with Him. We say to you, this by the Word of the Lord: that we who living things for the coming of the Lord, we will precede those who sleep. because the Lord will come down from heaven with a howl, and with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and those who died in Christ they shall rise first; then we who we will be raptured together with them in the clouds, to find the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, comfort one another others with these words. "I Thess. 4: 13-18. We do not accept death because we were not prepared for it. God created us for life and happiness. The death came because we disobeyed Him. But he has provided a way to solve the problem: Jesus. "The salary of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life, in Christ Jesus "Rom. 6:23. This has nothing to do with with the congregation within the temple of a church. It is a universal plan designed to to benefit all peoples, nations, tribes, and languages. "God loved the world of such that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. "John 3:16. Jesus took "in his body our sins on the tree, so that, dead to the sins, we might live for righteousness "I Peter 2:24. His resurrection is proof that the dead will be resurrected. There are resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and unrighteous. "Acts 24:15.

We will see our dear ones again. Anyone who believes in the words of The Bible has this hope.

Did he die saved?

In this respect, we are taught to trust and rest in the love and wisdom of God. "Do not say in your heart, Who will ascend to the sky...? Or, Who shall descend into the deep ...? "Rom. 10:7. He, who made such a sacrifice great for the salvation of all, giving Son, certainly will not let anyone should be among the righteous outside. He does not err in judgment. Man sees the outside; God, however, sees the heart. Inside of one coffin can be one which everyone takes for granted sure as lost; but repented and received the grace of God, changing his

behavior in his last hour. He will be with Christ in the paradise. Thus, if the dear one died and was long the righteous, and you were among them too, you will have it back again. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away". Revelation 21:4.

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Breaking Free from Fear

God says that "The dead know nothing, nor do they ever have reward, but his memory was forgotten. Even their love,



their hatred and envy have perished and no longer they have no part in this century, in anything some that is done under the sun"

(Ecles. 9:5, 6). The dead ones "sleep", unconscious of what happen around them. Their body shall "return to the dust" - will be undone into the ground; and "he spirit", the breath of life, the power that keep them alive, "will retune to God, who gave it". Eclesiastes 12:7. Then, they shall remain sleeping until the day of resurrection. The king of Israel say: "For the grave cannot praise you, death can not celebrate you: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for your truth. The living, the living, he shall praise you, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known your truth" Isaiah 38:18, 19. Neither shall visit us to torment us or give us counsels, for "they have no part in this century, in anything some that is done under the sun".

We need not therefore be afraid of ghosts or "souls punished." The dead they will remain sleeping the sleep of death, unconscious, until the day of resurrection. The Word of God does not teach that God he will burn the wicked for ever. It will be like this: "The hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear His voice (of Jesus). And the that they have done good to the resurrection of life; and those who have done evil, for resurrection of condemnation "John 5:29, 30. After being resurrected to



receive the reward for his evil deeds, the wicked they shall be burned and die for ever: "Behold, the day cometh as a fire; all the proud and all who commit wickedness shall be as straw ... And you shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, said the LORD." Malachi 4: 1, 2. God says that the wicked "will be as if they never had been "Obadiah 1:16. The Devil himself will die. Speaking of him,

God says: "I will do perish ... you will never be forever "Eze. 28: 14-19.

Many confuse some texts that relate in symbolic language the reward of the wicked, and to them they attribute a literal meaning - hence the error of understanding that the Bible upholds the belief of an "everlasting fire." An example is this: "And it shall come to pass ... All flesh shall come to worship before Me, saith the Lord. And they'll go out and see the bodies dead of men who have transgressed against Me; for his worm shall never die, neither shall his fire be quenched; and they shall be a horror to all flesh "Isa. 66:24. Worms live only a few days, or, the expression of the text "his worm will never die" can only be symbolic. It does not mean that the person will be eternally eaten by worms and burned by fire, in suffering, without ever being consumed. The text itself states that the wicked will be dead - says that the saints "will see the carcasses of the men who have transgressed." The sense of the text is that the worshipers of God will remember forever the consequences that sin brings on those who love disobedience. And so they will not want to do it again.

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