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Who are the Dead?

Hebrews 5: ¹³for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment **TRAINED BY constant practice** to distinguish good from evil.

2 Peter 1: ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for **IF YOU PRACTICE these qualities you will never fall.** ¹¹For **in this way** (*the practicing of these qualities*) there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Luke 14: ²⁵Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ **"If anyone comes to me and does not hate (*misei-regard as inferior*) his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he CANNOT be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me CANNOT be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down **AND COUNT THE COST**, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation **and is not able to finish**, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, 'This man began to build **and was not able to finish.**' ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, **will not sit down first and deliberate WHETHER HE IS ABLE** with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ **So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.****

Romans 11: ²⁸As regards the gospel, **they are enemies of God** for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.

Matthew 21: ²³ And when he entered the temple, the **chief priests and the elders** of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus answered them, "**I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer,** then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' **we are afraid of the crowd,** for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, **the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.** ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and **YOU** did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when **YOU** saw it, **YOU did not afterward change YOUR** minds and believe him. ³³ "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it **to tenants**, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent **his son** (*referring to Jesus Christ*) to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants **saw the son**, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, **WHAT WILL HE DO TO THOSE TENANTS?"** ⁴¹ They said to him, "**He will put those wretches **TO A MISERABLE DEATH**** and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons."

⁴²Jesus said to them, **"Have you never read in the Scriptures:** "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" ⁴³Therefore I tell you, **the kingdom of God will be taken away from YOU** and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ⁴⁵When **the chief priests and the Pharisees** heard his parables, **they perceived that he was speaking about them.** ⁴⁶And although they were seeking to arrest him, **they feared the crowds**, because they held him to be a prophet.

Roman 6: ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, **eternal life.** (*age-lasting life*) ²³ **For the wages of sin is death**, but the free gift of God is eternal life (*age-lasting life*) in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 9: ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." **BUT** he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, "Leave **the dead** to bury their own **dead.** **But** as for you, **go and proclaim the kingdom of God.**"⁶¹Yet another said "I will follow you, Lord, **BUT** let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Number 16: ³ They assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron and said to them, **"You have gone too far! For all in the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them.**

Galatians 6: ⁷ **Do not be deceived:** God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. ⁸For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh **reap corruption**, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap **eternal life**.