

## THE FINAL REGRET

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*The human race seems unable to face the reality that their soul and bodies are two separate entities, both needing specific conditions to keep alive. Most of their efforts are spent on natural needs and pleasures with very little thought given to the spiritual side of their life. As in all matters of life, bad choices lead to regrets. God has always had a better option for humanity, but who will listen? **PRO 22:3** A prudent (wise) man foreseeth the evil, and hideth (protects) himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished (get caught out and suffer loss). Let's have a look at what God has to offer on this topic.*

*We are reminded that the first instinct of God's people is not always good. **JER 6:15** Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD. **16** Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein. It is very clear that natural, short term thinking limits many people into making regrettable decisions.*

*Jesus reveals a parable relating to both good and bad choices. **MAT 13:36** Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field (those who reject good spiritual choices). **37** He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; **38** The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom Spirit filled and overcoming); but the tares are the children of the wicked one (those who have failed to apply the truth); **39** The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. **40** As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world (no further options are available, ever). **41** The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; **42** And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth (the second part of the separation process are the spirit filled who failed to take their life seriously... leading to the final regret). **43** Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear. God has made the choices very clear; it is up to us to make good choices, while overcoming doubts and fears.*

*Here is more encouragement to overcome, but in a differing form. **2THE 1:6** Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you (present tense... the here and now); **7** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, **8** In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God (1), and that obey not the gospel (2) of our Lord Jesus Christ: **9** Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; If God is all in all, it simply means that nothing else will exist... extermination for the unbelievers, the backsliders and all those they drag down with them. Be the solution!*

*We are reminded that God is consistent in his love and support towards us. **2PET 3:9** The Lord is not slack (slow) concerning his promise, as some men count slackness (God's actions and human expectations are not always the same); but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. **10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. **11** Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness? Avoiding mistakes is far better than regretting them.*

*The final victory and one last regret. **REV 21:1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. **2** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. **3** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. **4** And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes (there will be a high level of regret when many realise how great God's salvation really is and how impossible it is to save those who have rejected the plan of God); 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. There will be no more regrets ever again for those who are part of the victorious, new and eternal kingdom, but that time is still coming. There is still a job to be done.*

*It's time to act. **MAT 9:37** Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; **38** Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.*