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**THE BOOK OF LIFE**

**Text: Luke 10:17-20**

* Luke 10:17 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."
* Luke 10:18 And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.
* Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.
* Luke 10:20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

**INTRO:**

* When we speak of the book of life, what comes to your mind?
* Based on your biblical knowledge, when the book of life is mentioned in the Bible, what comes with it or to what it is associated with?
* NAMES WRITTEN
* BLOT OUT
* LAKE OF FIRE
* JUDGEMENT

**AIM:**

* FOR OUR NAMES TO BE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE
* TO PREVENT IT FROM BEING BLOTTED OUT(ERASED).
* TO REJOICE BECAUSE OUR MANES ARE WRITTEN ON IT

**I. HOW COULD OUR NAMES BE WRITTEN ON IT?**

* Receive the Lord Jesus as your Lord and Saviour
* Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.
* Rom 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
* John 3:16
* John 3:14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
* John 3:15 "that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
* Num 21:8 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery [serpent], and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live."
* Num 21:9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.
* 1Cr 15:55 "O Death, where [is] your sting? O Hades, where [is] your victory?"
* 1Cr 15:56 The sting of death [is] sin, and the strength of sin [is] the law.
* Faith without actions is dead
* You also need to obey Him as your Lord (Supreme authority).
* Luke 6:46 "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?
* Ex. Luke 23:42 Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."
* Luke 23:43 And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

**II. CAN IT BE BLOTTED OUT OR NOT?**

* YES it can be
* Rev 3:5 "He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life;
* Ex 32:32 "Yet now, if You will forgive their sin--but if not, I pray, blot me out of Your book which You have written."
* Ex 32:33 And the LORD said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.
* If it cannot be erased, Paul would not tell us to work out our own salvation-Phil 2:12
* No need for us to attend church
* Pre-destined salvation is a wrong doctrine
* Once saved, always saved is non-sense
* Rom 8:1 [There is] therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus,
* who do not walk according to the flesh
* but according to the Spirit.

**III. IN WHAT WAY CAN IT BE ERASED?**

* DIS-OBEDIENCE/SIN
* Ex 32:33 Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.
* 1Jo 5:16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin [which does] not [lead] to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not [leading] to death.
* There is sin [leading] to death. I do not say that he should pray about that.
* Mortal Sin-These sins are considered "mortal" because they constitute a rupture in a person's link to God's saving grace.
* The person's soul becomes "dead", not merely weakened
* Jud 1:12 These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving [only] themselves. [They are] clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;
* We cannot be born again, again
* Eze 18:21 "But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.
* Ezek 18:22 "None of the transgressions which he has committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live.
* Eze 18:23 "Do I have any pleasure at all that the wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD, "[and] not that he should turn from his ways and live?
* Ezek 18:24 "But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked [man] does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.
* This is the reason why He will say depart from me, I never knew you- Matt 7:23

**IV. THE NECESSITY OF OBEDIENCE**

* Mat 19:16 Now a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?"
* Mat 19:17 "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments."
* Hebrews 6:1 Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God,
* Hebrews 6:2 instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.
* Hebrews 6:3 And God permitting, we will do so.
* Hebrews 6:4 It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit,
* Hebrews 6:5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age,
* Hebrews 6:6 if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

**V. IT COMES WITH BOOKS OF REWARDS**

* Rev 20:12 I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books.
* But not all deeds will be recorded on the books of rewards, only those which will survive the fire
* 1Cr 3:12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation [with] gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,
* 1Cr 3:13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.
* 1Cr 3:14 If anyone's work which he has built on [it] endures, he will receive a reward.
* 1Cr 3:15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

**VI. THE BOOK OF LIFE WILL BE THE ONLY BASIS FOR ETERNAL JUDGMENT**

* Rev 20:14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
* Rev 20:15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire

**VII. IF OUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF LIFE, IT SHOULD BE THE REASON FOR US** **TO REJOICE**

* This would also mean, if you’re name is not written on it yet, DO NOT REJOICE
* They came back to Jesus with joy because the demons submitted to them in the Name of Jesus.
* Jesus told them He saw satan fell like lightning form heaven
* Jesus told them that He had given them/us authority to trample on snakes and scorpions, over all the power of the enemy.
* However, do not rejoice at this (NIV)
* Nevertheless, DO NOT REJOICE IN THIS (NKJV).
* We should only rejoice at the fact that our names are written in the book of life.
* Mat 16:26 "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?
* Hab 3:17 Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty,
* Hab 3:18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!

**CHALLENGE:**

* Is your name in the book of life?
* Are you secured with it?

**CONCLUSION:**

* Luke 10:20 "Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."