

The Book of Life

TEXT: Rev. 20:15

INTRODUCTION:

- A. SOME PEOPLE ENGAGE IN "BOOK WORSHIP."
 - 1. Some worthwhile - Freedom important.
 - 2. Some not good even for kindling(**Acts 19:19**).
- B. MANY BOOKS - SOME GOOD, SOME BAD.
- C. THIS LESSON FOCUSES ON ONE BOOK THAT IS GREATER THAN ALL THE WORKS OF MAN - **THE BOOK OF LIFE**.

I. WHAT IS THE BOOK OF LIFE?

- A. IT IS **NOT THE BIBLE**, OR EVEN NEW TESTAMENT.
 - 1. The NT is referred to as the law of the Spirit of life (**Rom. 8:2**).
 - 2. It is called the "words of this life"(**Acts 5:20**).
 - 3. The words of Jesus, recorded in the NT, shall judge whether or not we shall have eternal life (**John 12:48; 6:68**).
 - 4. The NT is found alongside the Book of Life at judgment (**Rev. 20:12, 15**).
- B. A REGISTER OF NAMES - SUCH ARE COMMON AMONG THE JEWS.
 - 1. **Gen. 5:1f**. "The book of the generations of Adam."
 - 2. **Neh. 7:5**. "The book of genealogies."
 - 3. **Ez. 13:9**. "The writing(register) of the house of Israel."
 - 4. Jesus refers to a list of names recorded in heaven (**Luke 10:20**).

II. WHOSE NAMES ARE IN THE BOOK OF LIFE?

- A. THE 70 SENT BY JESUS(**Luke 10:20**).
- B. WORKERS IN THE GOSPEL(**Phil. 4:3**).
- C. THE PEOPLE OF THE LORD(**Dan. 12:1**).
- D. THEY WHO FEAR GOD & THINK ON HIS NAME(**Mal. 3:16-17**).
- E. THE CHURCH OF THE FIRST-BORN(**Heb. 12:23**).

III. HOW DO WE GET OUR NAMES ENROLLED?

- A. BY BELONGING TO THE CHURCH (**Heb.12:23; 1 Cor.12:13; Eph.5:23**).
- B. BY OBEYING THE GOSPEL:
 - 1. **Rev. 20:15**. God punishes those who are not written there.
 - 2. **2 Thes. 1:7-9**. And those who obey not the gospel.

IV. BUT YOUR NAME CAN BE BLOTTED OUT.

- A. **Rev. 3:5**. WHAT IF WE DON'T OVERCOME?
- B. **Rev. 22:18-19**. WHEN WE DISREGARD GOD'S WORD.
- C. **Ex. 32:33**. SIN WILL BLOT OUT OUR NAMES.
- D. **Psa. 69:26-28**. THOSE WHO REJECT THE MESSIAH.

V. WHAT HAS THIS BOOK TO DO WITH OUR DESTINY?

- A. **Rev. 20:15.** LAKERS.
- B. **3:5; 21:27.** ENTRANCE INTO THE ETERNAL CITY.

CONCLUSION: IS MY NAME WRITTEN THERE?

- A. HAVE YOU OBEYED THE GOSPEL?
- B. HAVE YOU BEEN FAITHFUL?
- C. ARE YOU DILIGENTLY AT WORK?