

THAT TRANSITION FROM IMMORALITY

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REVELATION 21:8 NKJV – (8) But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

As 2024 begins, our theme that the "Holy Spirit" has given me is, "The beginning to recovery from immoral behavior." God has plenty to say about immoral people who will not repent. Refer to the verse above.

The New Jerusalem is the eternal home of <u>believers</u>, but unbelievers must spend eternity in the lake of fire "that burns with fire and sulfur." Unbelievers are identified in this verse as the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and liars. Cowardly unbelievers fear for various reasons. Some fear they might lose their possessions or their jobs or their friends or their comfortable life if they trust in the Savior. But, as Jesus taught, it is worthless to gain the whole world but lose one's soul (Mark 8:36). The faithless lack trust in Jesus as Savior, the detestable are foul.

Other sinners are identified as those who murder, cater to sexual lust, lack moral character, practice black magic or deal in illegal drugs, worship false gods, and lie. These unsavory characters experience the second death, which is eternal suffering in the lake of fire. Their refusal to trust in Christ had imprisoned them in their sins and subsequently in the lake of fire.

SCRIPTURE READING
1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Outward sacrifice without inward change is a mockery and God will not be mocked. The work of restoration cannot begin until a problem is fully faced.