

Unto His Own Place...

The amount of technology available to us today is astounding. Considering this, you may have often heard the question, "What does the future hold?"

We have so many devices used for communication and the technology development which provides ease for our lives has been amazing over the past fifty years. How Gabriel can sit calmly by watching men instantly communicate with one another over great distance, and even have five translations of the Bible on their cell phones, and not give his horn a toot is difficult to understand. I read that there are already prototypes of eyeglasses which project computer screen images onto the lens. There are 3-D computer printers already in the market that actually create plastic objects. These technological advancements, in fact, do make us wonder, "What does the future hold?"

However, let's take that question and switch the words a bit and ask: "What holds the future?" The answer is a two-part response. Of course we know that God holds the future in his hands, but we also have a part. What we do now will become, in large part, what the future holds. God does not force us to make any decision; we are free moral agents. We decide the future for us.

Acts 1:25, in reference to Matthias replacing Judas, says, "Take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." Note the expression, "that he might go to his own place." Where Judas went after his death was to **his own place**. He determined it.

We are determining now the place we shall occupy in the next world.

For the elders,
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