

## *An Exercise To Discern Both Good and Evil (Hebrews 5:14)*

### **That He Might Go To His Own Place**

#### **Scenario:**

An aged brother of the congregation that is respected as a faithful and knowledgeable member lost his brother to suicide two weeks ago. His brother was not and had never been a Christian. The circumstances were not abundantly clear. All that was shared with anyone is that depression had led to this terrible tragedy. After a public announcement was made, several brethren stood around this older brother offering their condolences and support.

#### **Statement That Arises From Our Scenario:**

The aged brother says this to a small group of brethren that had gathered around him: “Depression is a real and present danger, especially during this Covid-19 pandemic. There are those who are shut in, others who have gotten sick, some have lost loved ones, and some who have lost their sources of income. There are so many changes that have brought an unusual amount of stress upon us all. I have no doubt that is what happened to my brother. We are all human. Thankfully, Jesus understands what it means to suffer in the flesh and be tormented mentally.”

#### **A Later Statement Is Made:**

“I am not even sure that suicide will cost my brother his soul. I think his mind was broken long ago and that God will take that into consideration. After all, it was said of Judas that he went to his own place. I am beginning to think that place is somewhere in Heaven that Jesus prepared. Maybe, one of those little mansions in John 14:1-3 for those that never obeyed Him because their time was cut too short.”

**For Discussion:** What do you see in those statements?