

Sermon Discussion Guide:

God's Goodness in Judgment

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Scripture: **Revelation 15:1-8**

Series: **Revelation**

OVERVIEW

If we're being honest, most Christians are not excited about the coming Day of the Lord. We certainly don't delight in the death of the wicked. Nonetheless, we see much evil in the world and we grieve it. Evil and wickedness afflict everybody, and we long for God to make things right. In Revelation 15:1 (in John's new vision), he sees "seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished." As such, these seven angels will carry out God's final judgment. Yet, John's vision gives us hope, since it demonstrates that God hasn't abandoned us. Therefore, **the judgment to come should strengthen our hearts for today.**

CORROBORATING TEXTS

Revelation 4:6; Psalm 33:2; Exodus 15:1-7; Hebrews 3:1-6; Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 19:23; Proverbs 8:13; Hebrews 1:1-3; Romans 12:1

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In today's passage we learn that God's patience is coming to an appropriate end, and God's fiery judgment is about to be poured out. How does it make you feel knowing that so many unbelievers are going to be condemned, with no further chance of repentance?
2. John describes how he saw "those who had conquered the beast and its image" are singing the "song of Moses." What is the significance of this? *[Those who conquered the beast are those who remained faithful even under persecution. God's final deliverance of His people and judgment against their enemies will resemble the exodus event.]*
3. In light of the judgment to come, what were three applications that Joe gave us to help us strengthen our hearts for today? *[Marvel at God's greatness; fear His holiness; worship Him as worthy.]* Which of these three areas are you struggling with the most? What can you do to change that?
4. Joe said, "those who fear the Lord do not fear anything else." What do you think he meant by that? And what does it mean to fear the Lord? What does fearing the Lord look like in your life? Would those closest to you recognize the fear of the Lord in your life? If so, how?
5. How should living in the light of God's coming judgment affect your life now? What things should you be doing, or cease doing, in order to live out your mission and your calling as a faithful servant of Christ? Are you living with a purpose? Or are you feeling stuck or apathetic? What can you do to change that?