



Worship Guide for August 8, 2021

Sermon Notes

Assurance & Invitation; Warning & Wrath

Revelation 14 (pew Bible pg. 1036)

This section of Revelation (Ch. 12-14) began with the birth of the son who would rule the nations with a rod of iron (Rev 12:5) and concludes with the Son of Man's final judgment on those who follow and worship the beast (Rev 14:9-ff). It is filled with images, numbers, and symbolism that is difficult to understand and interpret. In these three chapters, the veil is opened for us to see into scenes of spiritual conflict, the reality of fierce satanic opposition against Christ and his church, the consistent assurance of God's sovereign control, and the reality of Jesus' ultimate victory.

This is the foundation of our confidence. This is the basis of the call for endurance, obedience, and holding fast to our faith. This passage is also a call for repentance. The one who is going to judge sinners is the same one who loves sinners and offers the opportunity for salvation. The one who graciously came to save sinful mankind is also the one who will come to carry out the fearsome wrath of Holy God. There is an eternal message in this passage, a message that has eternal consequences. There is a message of assurance for the saint, an invitation for the sinner, and a clear word of warning about God's holy wrath. There are two sides of the gospel: the promise of heaven and the peril of an eternal hell. Both are presented clearly in Revelation 14.

The Lamb and His Redeemed Saints: The song of salvation – the song of their lives (14:1-5)

The Angels and Their Gospel Message: God's offer of salvation preceding his judgment (14:6-13)

The Son of Man and His Harvest: the holy wrath of the loving Lamb (14:14-20)

Applications:

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Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write some truths that stood out from this week's message.

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.

There is a clear delineation between those who belong to the beast (Ch 13) and those who belong to the Lamb (Ch 14). The delineation is highlighted in contrasting - distinguishing characteristics. The new song of the redeemed is learned and lived out. How is this concept presented in this passage? How does it help us understand the aim of discipleship? How do we learn and rehearse this song here and now?

The first angel's announcement called on all humanity to "fear God". What is there to fear in the announcements of the angel's in vv 8-13? How does, or how should, the reality of God's wrath and an eternal hell influence the song of our lives? How does, or how should, the reality of God's wrath and an eternal hell influence the way we pray and share with our lost family & friends?

Why is there another call for endurance in this passage (14:12), and how does the promised blessing of v 13 encourage us in our perseverance and endurance?

**Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.*

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