



Worship Guide for August 15, 2021

## Sermon Notes

**Assurance & Invitation; Warning & Wrath**  
**Part Two: The Angelic Message, The Final Harvest**  
Revelation 14

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 (14:1-5)

The Angels and Their Urgent Message:  
God deserves worship, his enemies face eternal wrath, his saints will rest (14:6-13)

The Son of Man and His Harvest:  
His people are gathered, his enemies are crushed (14:14-20)

## 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.**

How does this passage cause us to see the reality of sin? How should it affect our posture toward sin, beginning with the sin in our own lives?

How are we to reconcile the terrible and wrathful picture of judgement in this chapter as being a part of the gospel, or "good news" proclaimed by the angels (as well as the entirety of the Scriptural narrative)?

How does v. 13 of this passage help shape the Christian perspective of the death of believers?  
How, perhaps, should a verse like this affect the way we pray in light of physical ailments and

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

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