



Worship Guide for August 29, 2021

Sermon Notes

Worship God for the Glory of His Judgment

Revelation 15

On this the Scriptures are clear: *we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God* (Romans 14:10–12). One day Jesus will return *to judge the living and the dead* (2 Timothy 4:1). The good news of the gospel is that God sent his Son to pay the penalty for our sin and save those who place their faith in Him, so that we don't have to fear this judgment. Jesus delivers that believer from *the wrath to come* (1 Thessalonians 1:10).

The dark side of the gospel is that *whoever does not believe is condemned already* (John 3:18) and *he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb* (Revelation 14:10).

The details of this coming day of judgment and wrath are unfolding before us in Revelation, and they are coming to a dramatic, devastating, glorious conclusion in these next few chapters. Revelation 15 has been called the "prelude to Armageddon", and it introduces the final glorious demonstration of God's just and holy wrath. In chapter 15 we hear echoes of the plagues of Exodus. We hear the song of Moses fulfilled in the song of the Lamb. We learn that like God himself, his wrath is glorious. We should worship God in His wrath because He is holy, just, and righteous in all His ways. In Revelation 15 and 16 we hear and see this glorious truth: *Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations! Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you...* (Rev 15:3–4).

7 Angels, 7 Plagues, and the End of God's Wrath (15:1)

The Sea, the Overcomers, and Their New Song of Deliverance (15:2-4)

The Open Sanctuary, the Full Bowls, and the Glory of God in Judgment (15:5-8)

Applications:

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.**

Why are the glory and judgment of God so often seen together? How do these two aspects of his character relate?

What is the significance of the connection shown in the worship of God's people in Revelation 15 and the origin of the song they sing? What does that teach us about God? What does it teach us about worship?

How should the holiness of God fuel our worship? How should it fuel our mission? What is the danger of forgetting about or neglecting his holiness?

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

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