

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for November 7, 2021

Sermon Notes

Final Judgment at the Great White Throne

Revelation 20:11-15 (pew Bible pgs. 1040-1041)

We are about to enter what many would say is the best part of Revelation: the new heavens and the new earth, or what is known as the eternal state. To put it simply and clearly, in the final two chapters of Revelation, John will describe what we commonly speak of as “heaven.” But before we go there, there is one more stop in humanity’s march through history. It is a stop that few want to acknowledge, and most just ignore. But before we see the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21, John reminds us that there is a final judgment yet to come. Scripture frequently affirms the fact that there will be a great final judgment that will, in some way, involve all of humanity. They will stand before the judgment seat of Christ in resurrected bodies and hear his proclamation of their eternal destiny. This is the scene John gives us:

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, according to what they had done. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone’s name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 20:11–15

The Judge on the Great White Throne (v 11)

Those Judged at the Great White Throne (vv 12-13a)

The Judgment from the Great White Throne (vv 13b-15)

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.**

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| 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.**

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| 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 (and all of Revelation) help us in our desire for justice to react to the rampant injustice all around us?

What impact should Revelation 20:11-15 have on our lives today? What difference should it make?

What are some of the ways people try to soften the idea of hell? How should believers be prepared to speak to hell's reality? What part should this play in evangelism?

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

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