

SERMON OUTLINE

In Revelation 14:6-13 we hear 4 loud declarations concerning the judgment of God.

- I. The 1st angel cries: “Repent” (vs. 6-7)!
- II. The 2nd angel cries: “Babylon has fallen” (v. 8)!
- III. The 3rd angel cries: “You will be eternally tormented if you worship the beast” (vs. 9-11)!
- IV. The voice from heaven cries: “Endure & be blessed” (vs. 12-13)!

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 25, 2018

Passage: Revelation 14:6-13

Memory Passage: Revelation 14:12-13

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 14:6-13.** What's the "eternal gospel" the 1st angel proclaims?
- (b) What is the significance of the indefinite article ("an" rather than "the") before "eternal gospel?"
- (c) How do earth dwellers (remember who this group is throughout Revelation) "Fear God and give him glory . . . and worship him?" Is this a call to repentance or a foretaste of what will happen at the judgment (cf. Josh. 7:19-20; Phil. 2:9-11)?
- (d) What does God's judgment have to do with the gospel the angel proclaims (v. 7), and why is God's work of creation presented as the grounds they must worship Him?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 14:6-13.** Why can the angel say Babylon has already fallen (past tense)?
- (b) What is "the wine of the passion (lit. "wrath") of her (Babylon's) sexual immorality" and how does she make the nations drink of this?
- (c) Who is Babylon in John's day? In Daniel's & Jeremiah's day? In our day (cf. Jer. 51:6-11, Dan. 4:30, Is. 21:9-10)?
- (d) In what ways does today's Babylon entice the nations to drink of her cup of passion/wrath?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 14:6-13.** How are worshipping the beast & its image and receiving their mark (v. 9) related to Babylon forcing the nations to drink her cup?
- (b) How is "the wine of God's wrath" (v. 10) different from Babylon's "wine of the passion (lit. wrath) of her sexual immorality"?
- (c) Explain the eternal state of those who worship Satan instead of God (vs.10-11).
- (d) Summarize and synthesize the messages of the 3 angels in 14:6-11.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 14:6-13.** Explain both of the characteristics of the saints mentioned in v. 12.
- (b) Explain how the judgment of the wicked (vs. 6-11) encapsulates a call for saints to endure ("Here" in v. 12; 13:10, 18).
- (c) Who are those who "die in the Lord," and how do the rewards of v. 13 empower the endurance commanded in v. 12?
- (d) In what way do "their deeds follow" believers, and why is this the grounds for the blessing of "rest" (v. 13)?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 14:6-13.** Babylon's "sexual immorality" is both a picture of idolatry and a literal reference. In what ways are we in the church tempted to fall prey to our society's lack of Biblical understanding of sexual immorality, sexual identity, and sexual orientation (don't think here of the unregenerate; keep your eyes focused on today's church as you answer)? How will you fight these temptations in your own life? What must your relationships look like in order to disciple others toward obedience in these areas and how might you go about this type of discipleship?
- (b) How often are you motivated and empowered to current obedience by the notion of future blessing? How will you set your mind to (1) learn all the book of Revelation teaches about the future blessing of the saints, and (2) daily apply these blessings in your fight against sin each day?
- (c) How should we reconcile the truth that our works follow us after death (v. 13) with the truth of Ephesians 2:8-10?
- (d) Write down at least 4 ways you will endeavor to "endure" & "keep the commandments of God" (14:12) as you "follow the Lamb wherever he goes" (14:4) and "fear God and give him glory . . . and worship him" rather than drink of Babylon's "wine of the passion of her sexual immorality" (14:8).

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The Hour of His Judgment