

SERMON OUTLINE

In Revelation 15:1-8 we are prepared for the 7 bowl judgment by the revelation of 4 facts concerning God's completed wrath.

- I. The 7 angels with 7 plagues are introduced as bearers of God's completed wrath (v. 1).
- II. The victorious saints praise God for His just & righteous acts of divine wrath (vs. 2-4).
- III. The 7 angels with 7 plagues are presented 7 bowls full of God's wrath (vs. 5-7).
- IV. God's glory and power fill the temple with smoke and no one can enter until God's wrath is completed (v. 8).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, December 30, 2018

Passage: Revelation 15:1-8

Memory Passage: Revelation 15:2

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 15:1-8.** What other events in Revelation have been described as a “sign in heaven” and how is this different?
- (b) Explain the wrath of God. What is it, why must He have it, why must He exercise it, who will receive it, etc.? Why is this concept central to Revelation?
- (c) In what ways are these plagues “the last” and the wrath of God “finished” (cf. 6:12-17, 8:1, 11:15-19, & 14:14-20)?
- (d) What are you expecting to see next when you read about 7 angels, 7 plagues, and God’s wrath?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 15:1-8.** Why does this vision include a sea of glass “mingled with fire” (as opposed to 4:6)?
- (b) Who is the group John sees in v. 2 and how do you know?
- (c) In what way has this group “conquered” (lit. “are conquering”) the beast and the number of its name?
- (d) What is significant about these people carrying “the harps of God in their hands?”

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 15:1-8 & Ex. 15:1-18.** What connections do you see between Moses’ Song & the song in Rev. 15:2-4?
- (b) What does 15:2-4 have to do with 14:14-20?
- (c) Who has consistently been called “servants of God” in Revelation (1:1; 2:20; 6:11; 7:3 [cf. 7:15]; 10:7; 11:18)?
- (d) In what sense is this “the song of Moses, the servant of God,” and how is it also “the song of the Lamb?”

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 15:1-8.** What “deeds”, “ways,” and “righteous acts” are the faithful extolling in vs. 3-4?
- (b) Describe each of the aspects of God’s character the singers glorify in vs. 3-4.
- (c) Why are the “nations” central to this praise (note the similarity to Psalm 86:8-10, 98:1-3 & Jeremiah 10:6-7 and context)?
- (d) Since v. 1 introduces the content of 15:5-16:21, why have verses 2-4 been inserted between v. 1 & v. 5?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 15:1-8.** By way of transition to next week, summarize what you learn in vs. 5-8.
- (b) Write down at least 5 applications that flow from chapter 15. For instance, consider the fact that God’s victorious people sing praises to God for His just and righteous acts of judgment and what this means for your life, how this affects evangelism and missions, how this affects discipleship, how this affects your parenting, and much more. For each application you discern, answer (1) how you will endeavor to implement these applications in your own life during the next week, and (2) in what ways will these applications be helpful in your discipling relationships this coming week?

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In Praise of God’s Justice