

Morning Sermon January 9, 2022  
"Blessed Information..." Revelation 15

The Psalms start with the word "Blessed" Psalm 1:1, and this Book of Revelation started with a promise of Blessing –

<sup>3</sup> Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. Revelation 1:3 (NKJV)

Both books connect the Blessing with God's Word / Law and the knowing and keeping of it. God's Word blesses us with warnings and rewards –

<sup>11</sup> Moreover by them Your servant is warned, and in keeping them there is great reward. Psalm 19:11 (NKJV)

The Book of Revelation tells us the FUTURE, it speaks to those things ... which must shortly take place. Revelation 1:1 B (NKJV)

God warns us to avoid wrath, He tells us not to fear men, Jesus says –

<sup>4</sup> "And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. <sup>5</sup> But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!  
Luke 12:4–5 (NKJV)

Revelation 13 – 15 Gives us information about the Beast, which all the world will worship vs the Lamb, Whom only God's dear ones will worship!

I. Another Great, Marvelous Sign (a warning sign) –

<sup>15</sup> Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. Revelation 15:1 (NKJV)

1. Another sign, a warning sign, a stop sign ...
2. A great sign = IMPORTANT, you don't want to miss this sign!
3. Marvelous – because it tells us something different, not known by most of the world, only made known by God ...
4. Seven angels / Seven last plagues, wrath of God / complete

- A. Seven is the number of completion / perfection
- B. These angels have seven plagues (to bring upon the ungodly)
- C. Wrath is complete ...

• This does not mean it (wrath) is ended, as it will be eternal –  
<sup>9</sup> Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name." Revelation 14:9–11 (NKJV)

- Complete here has reference to "time" and the kingdoms of men in this world, the wrath spoken of here is complete, because it brings these "kingdoms" to a final end. It brings seemingly successful sinful rebellion to its final, painful, dreadful end ... but torment has just begun ↑

II. A sea to see, and a place to be –

<sup>2</sup> And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, ... Revelation 15:2 A (NKJV)

1. Something like "a sea of glass mingled with fire"

A. The sea of glass was mentioned before –

<sup>6</sup> Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. Revelation 4:6 A (NKJV)

B. It is in Heaven, before God's throne (symbol of His sovereign rule)

C. I believe it is the REALITY pictured in the Old Testament - sea of bronze, which was in the Temple, a place where the priests would wash in preparation for worship –

D. It is a place of sanctification, and mingled with fire was also part of sanctification / purification, like gold refined –

<sup>10</sup> But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold. Job 23:10 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup> that the genuineness of your faith, *being* much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, <sup>9</sup> receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of *your* souls.  
1 Peter 1:6-9 (NKJV)

2. *Glass is something that is not easy to see, in that sense it is like the benefit of trials, even or especially fiery ones ...*

3. *God allows His best to be tested –*

<sup>10</sup> Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. Revelation 2:10

4. *The beast putting us to death is our VICTORY –*

... and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark *and* over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, ... Revelation 15:2 A (NKJV)

<sup>36</sup> As it is written: “*For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.*” <sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Romans 8:36–37 (NKJV)

III. *Songs worth singing, God worthy of worship ...*

... having harps of God. <sup>3</sup> They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: “Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! <sup>4</sup> Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.” Revelation 15:2 B – 4

1. *Heaven will be equipped with the best musical instruments - ... having harps of God.*

2. *They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God –*

*Israel crossed the Red Sea, Egypt’s soldiers drowned in it -*

15 Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the LORD, and spoke, saying: “I will sing to the LORD, For He has triumphed gloriously! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!

<sup>2</sup> The LORD *is* my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; He *is* my God, and I will praise Him; My father’s God, and I will exalt Him. <sup>3</sup> The LORD *is* a man of war; The LORD *is* His name.

<sup>4</sup> Pharaoh’s chariots and his army He has cast into the sea; his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup> The depths have covered them; They sank to the bottom like a stone. Exodus 15:1–5 (NKJV)

3. *God’s people pass through the fires of persecution, and yet an ungodly world is destroyed by it -*

<sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. <sup>11</sup> Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, <sup>12</sup> looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup> Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. 2 Peter 3:10–13 (NKJV)

4. *The Song of the Lamb is a song sung to and about Christ, and primarily about Christ as the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world –*

<sup>29</sup> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! John 1:29 (NKJV)

<sup>8</sup> Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, Revelation 5:8–9 (NKJV)

A. *The song of the Lamb, is about the victory He won for us through His sacrifice, His death on the cross –*

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18 (NKJV)

B. *Here the judgment aspect of the cross also seems in view – ...saying: “Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! <sup>4</sup> Who shall not fear*

You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You alone are holy*. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested.” Revelation 15:3 B – 4

C. *The cross is foolishness - 1 Corinthians 1:18 – and a stumbling block to those who are perishing –*

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, to you who believe, *He is precious*; but to those who are disobedient, “*The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,*” <sup>8</sup> and “*A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense.*” They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 1 Peter 2:7-8

5. *God’s judgments, though terrible, are sung about too - For Your judgments* have been manifested.” Revelation 15:4

A. *The ungodly complain against lethal injection, or against any penalty at all for sin, even for murder ...*

B. *Yet, God bring eternal fires in hell and the godly rightly praise Him for it, why? Because in Heaven, if not before, we will see sin perfectly, as the great evil that it is...*

IV. *An important warning: from God’s place, seven plagues will race –*

<sup>5</sup> After these things I looked, and behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven was opened. <sup>6</sup> And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, clothed in pure bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands. <sup>7</sup> Then one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God who lives forever and ever. <sup>8</sup> The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power, and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed. Revelation 15:5–8 (NKJV)

1. *Temple / tabernacle in heaven –*

A. *God’s dwelling place –*

<sup>27</sup> “But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built! 1 Kings 8:27 (NKJV)

B. *God’s people are His spiritual dwelling place –*

<sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the ~~sanctified and members~~ *Arnold Brauch* of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Ephesians 2:19–22 (NKJV)

*If I am understanding Revelation 15 correctly, all of God’s people are in Heaven too!*

2. *The wrath to be poured by the seven angels from the seven bowls, is to cleanse the earth from sin ... burn it and bring a New Heaven and New Earth ...*

3. *The angels are dressed in white linen, and girded with golden bands, because the task of judgment they are about to carry out is a holy, right and honorable task -*

4. *Smoke -*

<sup>8</sup> The temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God... Revelation 15:8 A

A. *God’s glory, His power in judgment, we do not understand ... it makes the temple (our nearness and understanding of God a smoky place ...*

B. *We cannot approach God, until wrath is finished - and no one was able to enter the temple till the seven plagues of the seven angels were completed. Revelation 15:8 B (NKJV)*

5. *Chapter 16 details the SEVEN BOWLS of God’s wrath which are poured out on the ungodly and an ungodly world! For those who do not know Christ, these are the beginning of their suffering!*

*God’s people do not endure the plagues of Revelation 16.*

**16** Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God on the earth.”

<sup>2</sup> So the first went and poured out his bowl upon the earth, and a foul and loathsome sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.

<sup>3</sup> Then the second angel poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood as of a dead *man*; and every living creature in the sea died.

<sup>4</sup> Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. <sup>5</sup> And I heard the angel of the waters saying:

“You are righteous, O Lord,  
The One who is and who was and who is to be,  
Because You have judged these things.

<sup>6</sup> For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,  
And You have given them blood to drink.  
For it is their just due.”

<sup>7</sup> And I heard another from the altar saying, “Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* Your judgments.”

<sup>8</sup> Then the fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and power was given to him to scorch men with fire. <sup>9</sup> And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

<sup>10</sup> Then the fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom became full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues because of the pain. <sup>11</sup> They blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and did not repent of their deeds.

<sup>12</sup> Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. <sup>13</sup> And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. <sup>14</sup> For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

<sup>15</sup> “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed *is* he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

<sup>16</sup> And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon.

<sup>17</sup> Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!” <sup>18</sup> And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not occurred since men were on the earth. <sup>19</sup> Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. <sup>20</sup> Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. <sup>21</sup> And great hail from heaven fell upon men, *each hailstone* about the weight of a talent. Men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail, since that plague was exceedingly great.

Revelation 16:1–21 (NKJV)

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