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11. “The Last Word on Judgment”

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Sermon Outline Notes

The Famous Last Words of Scripture REVEAL GOD’S

JUDGMENT ON THOSE WHO STAND AGAINST HIM

And when he comes, he will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. ⁹ The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in me. ¹⁰ Righteousness is available because I go to the Father, and you will see me no more. ¹¹ Judgment will come because the ruler of this world has already been judged. John 16:8-11 NLT

I. Revelation 15:1-8 - Seven Angels With Seven Plagues

I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last, because with them God’s wrath is completed. ² And I saw what looked like a sea of glass glowing with fire and, standing beside the sea, those who had been victorious over the beast and its image and over the number of its name. They held harps given them by God ³ and sang the song of God’s servant Moses and of the Lamb: “Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the nations. ⁴ Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

God’s Judgment FREES HIS PEOPLE AND INCITES

WORSHIP

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:13-14

II. Revelation 16:1-20 - The Seven Bowls of God’s Wrath

¹ Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, “Go, pour out the seven bowls of God’s wrath on the earth.”... ⁵ Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: “You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; ⁶ for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.” ⁷ And I heard the altar respond: “Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.”

God’s Judgment REMINDS US HE IS RIGHTEOUS WHICH QUALIFIES HIM TO JUDGE

If you think you can judge others, you are wrong. When you judge them, you are really judging yourself guilty, because you do the same things they do. ² God judges those who do wrong things, and we know that his judging is right. ³ You judge those who do wrong, but you do wrong yourselves. Do you think you will be able to escape the judgment of God?
Romans 2:1-3

III. Revelation 17:1-18 - Babylon, the Prostitute on the Beast

¹ One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the punishment of the great prostitute, who sits by many waters. ...¹⁴ They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”...

God’s Judgment REVEALS THAT JESUS’ VICTORY IS PERPETUAL

But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. ¹⁵ For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 2 Corinthians 2:14-15

IV. Revelation 18:1-24 - Lament Over Fallen Babylon

^{18:1} After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. ² With a mighty voice he shouted: “‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!’ She has become a dwelling for demons and a haunt for every impure spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal. ³ For all the nations have drunk the

maddening wine of her adulteries. The kings of the earth committed adultery with her, and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.”⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven say: “Come out of her, my people,’ so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues...

God’s Judgment UNCOVERS THE SEDUCTION OF THE WORLD’S IDOLS

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them.¹⁶ For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.¹⁷ The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever. 1 John 2:15-17