

## ***Revelation: Until These Tears Are Gone: Lesson 9 (Revelation 15 & 16)***

**November 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>** Questions primarily from Nancy Guthrie's *Blessed Study Guide*

1. Describe a time when you had to look away because something was too hard to watch.
2. What is your initial reaction when hearing or reading about the wrath of God?
3. Revelation 15:3–4 provides for us the words of the song being sung about God before his throne, a song that celebrates God's wrath being carried out (15:1). ***Make a list of words from these verses that characterize how the singers view God's wrath.***
4. How does Revelation 15:1 give you hope?
5. In Revelation 5:8 we read about "golden bowls of incense, which are the prayers of the saints in the sanctuary." In Revelation 6:10 we heard those prayers asking, "How long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" In chapter 16 bowls of wrath are coming out of the sanctuary where God dwells. ***What connection do you think we should make between the prayers and the wrath of God in the bowls?***
6. Read what the angel in charge of the waters says in Revelation 16:5–7. ***How would you summarize his main point?***
7. How would your response to the pouring out of God's wrath be the same or different than the angel in 16:5-7?

8. Read Revelation 16:12–16. We read earlier about the dragon, the beast of the sea, and the beast of the earth (the false prophet). ***What do you think John is seeking to communicate by emphasizing what is coming out of their mouths and portraying them as frogs?***

9. Read Revelation 16:15, where Jesus seems to interject his voice into John’s recounting of his vision of the bowls. ***How would you summarize Jesus’ message about the implications of the bowls for the churches to whom John is writing?***

10. The seventh bowl portrays the impact of final judgment, which John describes in terms of a dramatic displacement of creation to make way for the new creation. ***How does he portray this similarly in the following verses in Revelation: 6:14, 16:20, 20:11, 21:1)?***

11. Paul refers to Satan as the power and principality of the air. ***Where is the seventh bowl poured out and what does the one on the throne declare?***

12. Read Revelation 16:8–11, 21. ***How do people respond to the judgment God pours out upon them?***

13. In Revelation 16 we’ve witnessed bowls of wrath being poured out on those who refuse to repent. But God desires to pour out something very different on those who repent and believe. ***What God longs to pour out on believers in place of wrath in the following verses: Romans 5:5 & Titus 3:5-6.***

14. How does God’s desire for all to be saved (1 Timothy 2:4) help us understand His wrath and judgment toward those who do not turn toward Him?

15. In what ways does God’s judgment against the wicked demonstrate wisdom, goodness, and covenant love?