

Revelation 15-16 – 6 June 2019

Purging of the Purchased Possession:

~~God's Judgement is G.O.O.D.~~

Introduction –

Throne Room Scene (Chapter 4-5)

Seal Judgements (Chapter 6)

Interlude of Chapter 7 (144,000 & Tribulation Saints)

Trumpet Judgements – (Chapter 8-9)

Interlude of Chapters 10-14 (Many different beings)

*Can we agree that sinful thoughts, words and deeds need to be judged and then done away with?

*When someone gets what they deserve, we say that judgement has been rightly given.

1. Judgement is not fun

2. But judgement brings right result to sinful situation.

*We appreciate seeing judgement in others lives, but it's hard to appreciate it in our own lives.

Today, we'll see 4 Ways that God's Judgement is G.O.O.D.

Read Chapter 15:1-4

1. Vs 1 – These judgements will complete God’s wrath as foretold in chapter 4.
2. Vs 2 – This is the heavenly throne room as seen in chapter 4.
 - a. Sea of Glass mingled w/ fire
 - i. Bronze Laver
 - ii. Eph 5:26 – The water is the Word
 - iii. Now the judgment (fire) of the Word.
 - b. The Trib saints here is a very similar picture to chapter 14 when we saw the 144,000.
 - c. Singing and resting in Christ’s completed work.
 - d. Notice they had “gotten the victory”.
 - i. By the blood of the Lamb & the word of our testimony.
 - ii. That is, by His deeds and our confession.
3. Vs 3-4 – God is seen as Right, True, Holy and worthy of worship! God delivers from evil!!

4. **1st Way that God's judgement is G.O.O.D. is that it comes from a good God!**

- a. Jesus' goodness
 - i. Jesus proved His goodness during his life.
 - ii. Judas, Pilate and the thief on the cross all testified to the innocence of Jesus.
 - iii. 1 of final names He's given in the Bible is Faithful & True.
 - 1. His faithfulness; to do all He said.
 - 2. His righteousness; to make all right.
- b. God's goodness
 - i. Read John 5:30 & Psm 97:1-6
 - ii. Are you highly valuing God in your life?
 - iii. Are you satisfied with the life God has given you?
 - iv. The song; 'You can have all this world...'"
 - v. Have you accepted that all correction of sin is from a God that loves you and wants the best for you?

Read Chapter 15:5-8

1. Smoke in the temple represents God's activity.
2. Even God's angels are seen as pure/clean, not as the vigilante heroes in modern movies.
3. God's judgement being good, doesn't mean that God is happy or excited about meting it out.
 - a. How God feel about coming judgement?
 - i. Mat 23:37 – O Jerusalem, thou that killest...
 - ii. Eze 33:11 – I have no pleasure in death of...
 - b. Show others you heart, when warning them to repent.

Read Chapter 16:1-2 – FIRST Bowl Judgment

1. Vs 1 – Seals, Trumpets, Vials
 - a. Seals – Man Unleashed, left to themselves
 - b. Trumps – 1/3 – warning of what's to come
 - c. Vials – completing of the full wrath of God
2. Vs 2 – Wicked & hurtful ulcer

- a. These judgements in many ways duplicate those in Egypt under Moses (6th of Egypt).
- b. They took away their dependence on things.
- c. They showed; can't trust in yourself/health.

3. **2nd Way that God's judgement is G.O.O.D.**

is that it's for the ones who deserve & need it.

- a. Judgment limits sinners from doing more.
 - i. We ALL generally get the effects of sin, but sinners are not protected at all from its consequences.
- b. God protects believers
 - i. Sometimes just by being in fellowship with other believers.
 - ii. Sometimes supernaturally.
 - 1. How many times God has spared us from judgment & we didn't realize it?
- c. This is different than the eternal judgment of the souls that we will all face.
 - i. Some w/ Jesus at our side.
 - ii. Some standing by themselves.

Read Chapter 16:3 – SECOND Bowl Judgment

1. Salt water turned to blood.
2. Could be...
 - a. Referring to only the Mediterranean Sea.
 - b. An asteroid or a massive Red Tide.
 - c. Bowls not from poor eco care; it's GOD'S WRATH.

Read Chapter 16:4-7 – THIRD Bowl Judgment

1. Fresh water turned to blood.
2. Angel reiterates that God is good & that these men deserve this judgment and are worthy of it.

Read Chapter 16:8-9 – FOURTH Bowl Judgment

1. Sun's heat comes scorching thru.
2. Notice that judgment doesn't enable the sinner to repent.
 - a. Kindness of the Lord, for that. (Rom 2:4)

Read Chapter 16:10-11 – FIFTH Bowl Judgment

1. Darkness in the capital of the Beast's nation.
2. Like the 9th plague of Egypt.
3. Darkness so thick you can feel it.

Read Chapter 16:12-14 – SIXTH Bowl Judgment

1. The Kings of East shall march against the A-C aided by the drying up of the Euphrates River.
2. This is the eastern border of Israel (Gen 15)
3. This was eastern border of Roman Empire.
4. Read Daniel 11:36-45
5. **3rd Way that God's judgement is G.O.O.D. is that it obtains results.**
 - a. The whole world is moved by God's hand.
 - b. All people that need sin judged will see the hand of God.
 - c. It brings the results of people deciding definitively whom they will serve.

Read Chapter 16:15 – The Bowl Interlude

1. 6 & 1 pattern always has interlude re: people.
 - a. Chapter 7 – 144,000 & Trib Saints
 - b. Chapter 10-14
 - i. 10 – John
 - ii. 11 – Two Witnesses
 - iii. 12 – Israel & The Dragon
 - iv. 13 – A-C & False Prophet
 - v. 14 – 144,000
 - c. Chapter 16:15 – All who would belief!
2. The Church won't be overtaken as by a thief.
(I Thess 5:1-5)
3. Oh how happy you are if you are prioritizing the things of the Lord and keeping yourself pure!

Read Chapter 16:16 – Megiddo

1. Gideon's 300 defeat the Midianites
2. Samson over Philistines, Saul slain
3. Pharaoh Necho kills King Josiah; Napoleon.

Read 16:16-21 – SEVENTH Bowl Judgment

1. Bowl into the air caused the greatest of earthquakes.
2. Aim at the “Prince of the Power of the Air”
3. Vs 18
 - a. Isa 24:17 speaks of this earthquake.
 - b. Wobble of earth could flip over as a top.
 - c. This is total destruction, but God will totally restore.
4. Vs 19 – The great city is Jerusalem (Rev 11:8)
5. **4th Way that God’s judgement is G.O.O.D. is that it will be done.**
 - a. It has come to be. (Not it is complete)
 - b. It’s assured, the victory WILL happen!
 - c. Are you willing to bet your life that God will get the victory & those that oppose Him will be judged worthy of the Lake of Fire?
6. Vs 21 – What was punishment for blasphemy?
 - a. Messiah predicted to die of crucifixion!

Conclusion –

Today we've seen 4 Ways that God's judgement is G.O.O.D.

1. It's from a Good God. Chapter 15
 - a. Have u been dissatisfied with the things God has allowed in your life?
 - b. Are you satisfied that God is good?
2. It's for the Ones who deserve it. Vs 1-2
 - a. Do you agree with God's chastisement?
 - b. Be patience, wait in hope. Vengeance is God's.
3. It Obtains results. vs 12-14
 - a. Do you agree God's judgement changes things for the good?
4. It will be Done. Vs 16-21
 - a. Do you believe that the day is already appointed?