

REVELATION

THE HOPE OF JESUS REVEALED

Part 10: Anger Issues (Ch. 15 & 16)

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The Seven Bowls of God's Wrath*

1. Painful sores
2. Sea turned to blood
3. Rivers and springs to blood
4. Intense heat
5. Darkness
6. Drought
7. Earthquake and hail

** Notice the similarity to the plagues on Egypt, whose goal was the freedom of God's people*

Common Responses to Future Realities

Panic, fear, hyper-planning, denial

An unlikely but godly response to future realities: Worship

“Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.
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.”
– Revelation 15:3-4

How do you worship in the middle of devastation?

1. Hold a correct view of God (Revelation 1-15)

God is sovereign over all

God is worshiped above all

God is perfect in all his ways

God is just in all of his judgments

“You are just in these judgments, O Holy One, you who are and who were; for they have shed the blood of your holy people and your prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve.” And I heard the altar respond: “Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and just are your judgments.” – Revelation 16:5-7

God is loving toward all of his creation, but man rejects his love

They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him. – Revelation 16:9

People gnawed their tongues in agony and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done. – Revelation 16:10b-11

2. Hold a humble view of humanity

For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and defile a person.” – Mark 7:21-23

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? “I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve.” – Jeremiah 17:9-10

I am naturally stubborn

I am easily sinful

I am prone to pride

I am completely deceived (about my own ability to make it on my own)

Humanity refuses to surrender to God;

the result is: Armageddon (Rev. 16:16)

**What is the only fitting outcome to a correct view of God
and a humble view of humanity?**

Surrender to God

Next Steps

Read Revelation 17-18

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have you experienced joy this past week? What happened?
- 2) How do you express your anger? Has it changed over the years?
- 3) Do you have a correct view of God? How would you know?
- 4) Do you have a correct view of yourself? How would you know?
- 5) What does the worship in Revelation 15:3-4 reveal about the character of God?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?