



Park Community Church

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The Hour of Harvest
Revelation 14:6-20

Summary

In this sermon from Revelation 14, Pastor Mike walks through a passage filled with urgent warnings about God's coming judgment alongside a remarkable word of encouragement for those who follow Christ. Three angels deliver messages that are clear and sobering: there is still time to turn to God, the kingdom of this world (symbolized by Babylon) will ultimately fall, and those who persist in rebellion against God face a final and enduring judgment. Pastor Mike emphasizes that these are not literal images but symbolic visions representing very real spiritual realities that every person must take seriously.

Questions

1. Mike described Babylon as representing the kingdom of this world, especially its passions and pursuits. What are some modern examples of 'Babylon' that you think tempt people today, including yourself?
2. The first angel in Revelation 14 proclaims an 'eternal gospel' as good news even in the context of coming judgment. How does the reality of judgment actually make the gospel more meaningful rather than less?
3. Mike said that as a human race we often operate on the mistaken notion that we are accountable to nobody but ourselves. Do you agree with that observation? Where do you see that mindset show up in everyday life?
4. Verse 12 calls for the 'endurance of the saints.' What does endurance look like practically in your daily life as a follower of Jesus, especially when things are hard?
5. Mike pointed out that in verse 11, the unrighteous 'have no rest,' while verse 13 promises rest for those who die in the Lord. What does the concept of eternal rest mean to you personally, and how does it shape the way you live now?
6. Our deeds follow us, pointing to a future time of reward and celebration for faithfulness. How does the idea of future reward motivate or challenge the way you are living your faith right now?
7. Mike used the parable of the wheat and weeds from Matthew 13 to illustrate that judgment is coming but is not yet fully here. How does knowing that God is patient and giving people time to turn to Him affect the way you think about people in your life who do not yet know Jesus?

8. Mike closed his sermon with an encouragement to live with confidence, endurance, and even joyful obedience in light of what we know about eternity. What is one area of your life where you need to apply that kind of confident, forward-looking faith this week?

Application

This week, take a few minutes each day to reflect on what you are truly living for. Ask yourself honestly: Am I being drawn toward the passions and pursuits of 'Babylon,' or am I keeping my faith and obedience fixed on Christ? Choose one specific act of faithful endurance, whether it is a difficult conversation, a consistent spiritual discipline, or a step of generosity, and do it as an act of worship to God, trusting that your deeds matter and that they follow you into eternity.

Key Takeaways

1. Judgment is coming for all who persist in rejecting God, but the good news is that it is not too late to turn to Him. The eternal gospel is a call to recognize God as God before that time arrives.
2. Babylon represents the kingdom of this world with all its passions and pursuits. It is alluring and intoxicating, but it will fall. We must ask ourselves honestly what we are living for and what is driving our choices.
3. Those who align themselves with the beast and the values of this world face a final, thorough, and devastating judgment. God's descriptions of this are vivid because He wants no one to miss the seriousness of the warning.
4. Right in the middle of these heavy warnings, God offers a word of deep encouragement to believers: rest is coming, and our faithful deeds follow us into eternity. There will be a time of reward, celebration, and complete satisfaction for those who endure in faith.
5. Christians are called to live with confident endurance, real faith, and even joyful obedience in the present, knowing that the best is yet to come for those who are in Christ.