



Park Community Church

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# BOOKENDS

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The Bowls of Wrath  
Revelation 15:1-16:21

# Summary

In Revelation 15 and 16, we see how these two chapters are filled with the seven bowl judgments and draw out three foundational truths about God. This text emphasizes that God is the eternal sovereign Lord over all things, ruling from everlasting to everlasting over every nation and every king. He then highlights that God is perfectly just in His judgments, pointing to the repeated declarations of angels, God's people, and even the altar itself, affirming that God's wrath against evil is true and right.

Finally, the text calls believers to stand in awe of God's sheer Godness, his transcendent holiness, his all-consuming glory, and His incomparable power. Moreover, there is a vital connection between God's righteous wrath and the good news of the gospel. Because God is perfectly just, every person must reckon with their own sin. But through Jesus Christ, who bore God's wrath on the cross, those who trust in Him are justified and saved from judgment. In the end, there is a call to the church to respond to these truths about God with worship, glorifying His name with their voices, their hearts, and their lives, just as the redeemed in Revelation sing praises to the Lamb.

# Questions

1. Mike described God as the eternal sovereign Lord over all things. How does knowing that God has always been and always will be in control affect the way you face uncertainty or difficulty in your own life?
2. In Revelation 15:3-4, God's people are singing praises even in the middle of a passage filled with judgment and suffering. What does that tell us about the relationship between worship and hard circumstances?
3. The sermon pointed out a stark contrast between those who curse God and those who glorify Him in these chapters. What do you think makes the difference between those two responses to God?
4. Mike argued that God's wrath is not something to shy away from but is actually an expression of His perfect love and justice. Do you find that idea comforting, challenging, or both? Why?
5. Mike used the example of persecuted Christians in Nigeria and Turkey to illustrate why a God of justice matters. How does the reality of global suffering shape the way you think about God's judgment?

6. Romans 5:6-9 was referenced to show that Jesus absorbed God's wrath on behalf of sinners. How does understanding the wrath of God deepen your appreciation for what Christ did on the cross?
7. Mike described God's holiness as not just moral purity but as God being wholly set apart and transcendent. How does that understanding of holiness change the way you approach worship or prayer?
8. Mike closed with a call to behold God's glory daily through His Word, citing 2 Corinthians 3:18. What practical habits or rhythms help you stay focused on beholding God rather than being consumed by the noise of everyday life?

## Application

This week, set aside time each day to read a passage of Scripture with the specific goal of seeing something true about who God is. It does not need to be long. Even five or ten minutes is enough. As you read, write down one attribute of God you observe and then spend a few moments in prayer responding to that truth, whether through praise, confession, or simply sitting quietly before Him. Let the goal be not just information but transformation, beholding his glory so that your heart is shaped more and more into his likeness.

## Key Takeaways

1. God is the eternal sovereign Lord over all things, ruling over every nation and every era of history, which means His people can find stability and refuge in Him no matter what circumstances they face.
2. God is perfectly just in all His judgments. His wrath against evil is not a flaw in his character but an expression of his love for those who suffer under evil, and it is affirmed by multiple witnesses throughout Revelation 15 and 16.
3. God is awesome in His sheer Godness. His holiness, glory, and power are beyond full human comprehension, and the right response to encountering him is reverent fear and wholehearted worship.
4. Because God is perfectly just, every person must face the question of their own sin. The gospel answer is Jesus Christ, who took God's wrath at the cross so that all who trust in Him are saved from judgment and set free.

5. Worship is the fitting and purposeful response to who God is. Just as the redeemed in Revelation sing to the Lamb, believers today are called to glorify God's name with their voices, their hearts, and their lives.