

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 45 (PART 2)

# THE ULTIMATE VICTORY OF THE SAINTS

REVELATION 14:6-20 | *PART 2*



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In the last session, we went through the first section of Revelation 14 which is verses 1 to 5. We saw a **prophetic picture of the victorious and overcoming saints who are holy and totally devoted to Jesus**, as well as the **End-Time prophetic and intercessory worship movement** that God is raising up.

We will talk about the other two sections of Revelation 14 today. In verses 6 to 13, John saw **four visions** which revealed **four prophetic promises**. They are also **four proclamations** that we are to make known.

The purpose of these four proclamations is to:

1. **Inspire confidence** — We can have confidence because we will have the ultimate victory. Knowing this empowers us to stay steady and faithful until the end.
2. **Warn of consequences** — We need to know that there are serious consequences to our choices.
3. **Assure us of the ultimate victory and reward if we stay faithful**

What are the **four** prophetic promises or proclamations?



# 1

## THE PROMISE OF ULTIMATE EARTHLY VICTORY (V.6-7)

Verse 6 and 7 is about the **Assurance of an Ultimate Earthly Victory**. Verse 6 talks about the **preaching of the everlasting gospel to every tongue, tribe and nation**. This is similar to Matthew 24:14 which tells us that “the gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations, and then the end will come.”

Amid the greatest hostility and resistance, the gospel will be preached to all nations. When the gospel is preached, the ultimate victory will come. Jesus will return and the kingdom of God will be established here on earth.

It is an **everlasting gospel** because there will be judgment of sin and reward of the righteous, and **the kingdom of God will be established forever and ever**. It is also an **everlasting good news** because God’s kingdom is here to stay!

As a result of this promise, the angel gave four important exhortations in verse 7. We have to pay attention to them:

## ONE

### "FEAR GOD"

The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (Prov. 9:10). We need to cultivate the fear of the Lord because there are consequences to our actions. Galatians 6:7 tells us that God is not mocked, and that we sow what we reap. We need that revelation and that realization!

### "GIVE GLORY TO HIM"

This phrase is exhorting us to **live for God, to live for eternity, to live for what really matters**. The time is short, the end is about to come. Do not live for the temporal. Live for what really matters!

**The issue for many of us is that we do not have reality of eternity.** It is billions and billions and billions of times longer than our life on earth. If we truly know this, would we still seek to accumulate wealth on this earth? Or would we seek to accumulate rewards in heaven?

## TWO

## THREE

### "THE HOUR OF HIS JUDGMENT HAS COME"

Many of us lack the reality of judgment. We need to get this reality!

Paul tells us in 2 Cor. 5:11 that it is terrifying at the Judgment seat of God. Everything we have ever done will be laid bare before Him. He is going to evaluate us. That is why 1 Corinthians 3:12-15 tells us to build our works well upon the right heart, character, motives and values, so that they will endure the testing of His fire.

### "WORSHIP HIM"

It's about living out the First and Great Commandment, giving all our affection and love to Jesus!

## FOUR

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## **THE PROMISE OF GOD'S ULTIMATE EARTHLY JUDGMENT (V.8)**

Jesus is giving us the assurance that He will ultimately judge the Harlot Babylon. **He is warning us not to partake in the activities, workings and even values of the Harlot Babylon – we will be judged if we do so.** He is also exhorting us to endure and persevere until the time of His judgment comes.

## GOD'S ETERNAL PUNISHMENT (V.9-11)

Verse 9 to 11 is a crucial warning to all believers about the consequences of worshipping the Beast, the Image of the Beast and putting on the Mark of the Beast. The consequences are real and are eternal — **those who do so will be thrown into the lake of fire forever!** This can happen to believers. We must realize that **our decision will determine our eternal destiny!**

Verse 9 is the warning. The phrase "***If anyone***" tells us that this applies to all men, including believers.

Verse 10 and 11 are the consequences. The phrase "***full strength***" speaks of the **full and unadulterated wrath of God** that will come upon those who worship the Beast, the Image of the Beast or who put on the Mark of the Beast.



Verse 11 describes the **eternal punishment of God**. The torment and the intensity of the burning will go on forever and ever. The pain and suffering will be unimaginable, unbearable and will never wane. Compared to this, the persecution, suffering and martyrdom that the saints go through will pale in comparison.

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## **THE ASSURANCE AND PROMISE OF GOD'S ETERNAL REWARD (V.12-13)**

Verse 12 is the key verse of the Book of Revelation. It defines what it means to be **overcomers**. The word "*patience*" means endurance, and the word "*saints*" means **overcomers**. John is saying that if you endure and persevere, you will be an **overcomer** and you will receive a reward.

There are **two traits** about the overcomers who persevere and endure. They are those who:

## ONE

***“Keep the commandments of God”***  
— They will obey God, enduring all the suffering and persecution until the very end.

## TWO

***“Keep the faith of Jesus”*** — Their confidence and trust will be in God and they will not be offended even when they suffer loss.

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Verse 13 talks about ***God’s eternal reward*** for the saints. It is so important to God that He emphasized to John to write it down, so that His Church will know. Through the phrase ***“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on”***, we know that we will go through the Great Tribulation. Those who are martyred for their faith will be blessed and will be richly rewarded.

God promised two things to these overcoming saints:

1. “***They may rest from their labours***” — He promised the overcomers rest. This is in direct contrast to the ones in the Lake of Fire who have no rest day or night (v.11).
2. “***Their works follow them***” — They will receive rewards according to their faithfulness that is expressed through their works.



In the third section of Revelation 14, which is verses 14 to 20, John saw two visions of **two End-Time harvests that will be released through the faithful and mature prayers of the saints**. Verse 14 to 16 describes the great End-Time harvest, the **unprecedented harvest of souls**, while verse 17 to 20 tells us about the **unprecedented harvest of sin**, the ultimate judgment of God.

In verse 14, we see Jesus coming as the **Son of Man**. He has a golden crown on His head because He is coming as the **Transcendent King**, asking for His inheritance of the nations.

Whenever the Book of Revelation tells us about angels coming out of the temple or altar (v. 15,18), it signifies that **it is a result of the prayers of the saints filling up the bowls of incense before the altar of the Lord**.





**IT IS THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS THAT  
RELEASE THE UNPRECEDENTED HARVEST  
OF SOULS AS WELL AS THE ULTIMATE  
JUDGMENT OF GOD.**

Even the Son of Man has to await the fullness of the prayers of agreement before He could bring in the harvest of souls!

One final thing to note is that the ultimate judgment of God is so severe that the blood that is shed will stretch for a distance of around 200 miles and with a depth of around one metre (v. 20).

**WHAT IS OUR RESPONSE, HAVING KNOWN OF GOD'S ULTIMATE EARTHLY VICTORY FOR THE SAINTS, ULTIMATE EARTHLY PUNISHMENT FOR THE REBELLIOUS, GOD'S ETERNAL REWARD AND ETERNAL PUNISHMENT?**

**I BELIEVE THIS SHOULD CAUSE OUR HEARTS TO TREMBLE.**

**LET US FEAR THE LORD. LET US ALIGN WITH HIM AND LIVE FOR HIM. LET US LIVE FOR WHAT REALLY MATTERS BECAUSE THE TIME IS SHORT!**



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