

Revelation

THE HOLINESS OF GOD

JULY / AUGUST THEME

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MEMORY VERSE

Parents, we will be memorizing the following verse through the rest of the summer. This week, have your children memorize the highlighted part below:

“Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!

Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.” - **Revelation 15:3-4 ESV**

JULY 21 - LIFE APPLICATION

Believe that Jesus paid the price for our sins.

NOTE TO PARENTS

Scripture: **Revelation 15:1-8**

In the **Book of Revelation**, John, the disciple loved by Jesus, is given words and visions of heaven, Jesus, and prophecies about the End of Times. Please read the scripture and listen to the sermon, in person or online, before discussing with your family.

In this week's message we will look at **Revelation 15** where John, after seeing Jesus's return to the earth in **Revelation 14**, sees another sign from heaven: **seven angels with seven bowls**, who will finish the wrath of God upon the earth. Always remember to remind your children/family that the wrath of God is not for us, the people who love Him and were saved by Jesus sacrificing His life upon the cross. The wrath of God is focused upon the evil in the world.

REVIEW

1. **In Revelation 14:14-20, who did John see come to earth wearing a golden crown and holding a sickle in His hand? (Jesus.) What would Jesus do with the sickle?** (*He will separate the "wheat" from the "weeds."*)
2. **What do the "wheat" and the "weeds" represent?** (*The wheat represent the true believers who will go to heaven, and the weeds represent those who pretend to follow Jesus but are not, who will go to eternal hell.*)
3. **What does the last verse of Revelation 14 describe?** (*The gathering of the "grapes" to be thrown into the "winepress."*) This is referring to the last battle, the Battle of Armageddon.

DISCUSS REVELATION 15

Say: "God's wrath on the evil in the world has already been poured out in the seven seal judgements (**Revelation 6**) and the seven trumpet judgments (**Chapters 8-9**). Now in **Chapter 15**, we will see the beginning of the last set of judgments, the **seven bowl judgments**."

God must judge all evil. It hurts his heart and offends his character. If God doesn't judge sin, then that means his people suffer at the hand of evil and there is no justice. But God is good and just. Therefore, he judges all evil with his wrath.

1. **In Revelation 15:1, John sees another sign from heaven, a great and amazing sight. What did he see?** (*Seven angels with seven plagues,*

and with them the last of the wrath of God will be finished in the Great Tribulation.)

2. Read **verse 2**. **What else did John see?** (*A sea of glass and fire, and standing beside it are those who had conquered the beast and its image, holding harps in their hands.*) These are the Great Tribulation Saints, those who died for their faith. **How do you think they conquered the beast and its image?**
 - They resisted worshiping the image of the beast and taking his mark on their foreheads or hands.
 - They died for their faith, as martyrs. They were persecuted because they would not worship the beast and its image.
3. **What did the Saints do with the harps?** (*They sang the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb - Jesus.*) The songs of Moses can be found in **Exodus 15**, **Deuteronomy 32**, and **Psalms 90** (if you want to look further).
4. Read the song in **Revelation 15:3** to your family. This is a song glorifying the holiness and power and majesty of God! List together the ways that we should praise God!
 - His works are great
 - His ways are just and true
 - His name is holy (and His character)
 - He is righteous in all He does
5. Read **verses 5 and 6** and ask your family to discuss what John saw. (*The tent of witness in heaven was opened and the seven angels come out clothed in pure, bright linen with golden sashes around their chests.*)
6. **What did one of the living creatures give the seven angels?** (*Seven bowls filled with the wrath of God.*) It also says God lives forever and ever, another reason to praise Him. He has seen and knows ALL things!
7. **In verse 7, what happens to the tent of sanctuary?** (*It is filled with smoke from the glory of God and His power.*) **How long will it be before anyone can enter the sanctuary again?** (*Not until the seven bowls of wrath, holding seven plagues, have been poured out.*)
8. **Can you imagine seeing the holy tent of sanctuary, filled with the power and glory of God? Can you imagine seeing Jesus when you get to heaven? What do you think it will be like?**

Main Points from our Pastor, David Chadwick:

God loves us and wants us to be in His family forever. But, our sins are in the way. Instead of punishing us for eternity for our sins, Jesus came to earth and God poured out his wrath on his Son on the cross, taking away the punishment for our sins. **Do you believe this?** If so, you will never face this wrath described in Revelation. Your answer determines your eternity.

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Each week, we will memorize a portion of the **song of Moses** that was sung in **verse 4**. Use a large piece of poster board and markers. Write, or have your kids write, the first section (in bold print). Place the poster on the wall in your kitchen or dining room. At meals, read the words together as the beginning of the blessing before your meal.

Challenge your kids to close their eyes and say it, if they can. Next week, and the weeks after, add the next sections of the song. As you add, say what you have learned before and the new section together. **Hopefully they can know it all by heart by the end of the next six weeks!**

PRAYER

We thank You, God, for helping us know about Your power and glory and for giving us a peek into what heaven is like. Thank You for showing Your great power. We love You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.