



LESSON #16 - THE WINE OF GOD'S WRATH

Is it really important to know this stuff? Isn't it enough just to love Jesus and leave the study of the prophecies to the experts? The third angel's message is one of the most solemn warnings in the entire Bible. If you don't know who the beast is, what his image is, what his mark is and what the number of his name is you will probably end up following the beast.

Revelation 14:9 – 11: *"Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice: "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, ¹⁰ he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. [this we will study next time] He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. ¹¹ And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name."*

Introduction

After the 1000 years there are sinners **inside** and **outside** the city. What made the **difference**? Didn't Jesus pay for the sins of all those who are inside and outside?

Revelation 22:14, 15: *"Blessed are those who do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie."*

The Wrath of God upon the Wicked begins during the plagues

Revelation 15:1: Seven angels with **seven last plagues** in which is **filled up** the wrath of God. *"Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues for in them the **wrath of God** is complete (unmixed with mercy)."*

Revelation 16:1: The wrath is found in **cups or bowls** *"Then I heard a loud voice from the temple saying to the seven angels, "Go and **pour out** the **bowls** of the **wrath of God** on the earth."*

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The **final culmination** of drinking the cup is being **cast into the fire**. This is the **conclusion** of the third angel’s message which we will study in our **next lecture**

Psalm 11:6: Cup is linked with **fire**

“Upon the wicked He will rain coals; fire and brimstone and a burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.”

Deuteronomy 32:22: God’s wrath is linked with fire

- **Hot temper**
- **Temper flared up**
- **Hot headed**
- **Burns me up**

Deuteronomy 32:22: *“For a fire is kindled in My anger and shall burn to the lowest hell; it shall consume the earth with her increase and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.”*

Revelation 20:14, 15: The **lake of fire** which is the **final manifestation of God’s wrath** leads to the **second death**.

Revelation 20:14, 15: *“Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.¹⁵ And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”*

Why do they suffer second death while other sinners are saved? The answer is found in the **experience of Jesus**

Jesus drank the cup of God’s Wrath

A few years ago **Mel Gibson’s movie, The Passion of the Christ** came out. The emphasis falls upon the **merciless** and **continuous beating** that Jesus received. But what is little known is that the agony of Jesus had more to do with other matters. Let’s notice:

Matthew 26:38: The soul of Jesus is **exceeding sorrowful** even unto death

“Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

“When in conflict with men who were inspired by the very spirit of Satan, He could say, ‘He that sent Me is with Me: the Father hath not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him.’ **John 8:29**. But now He seemed to be shut out from the light of God’s sustaining presence. Now He was numbered with the transgressors. **The guilt of fallen humanity He must bear.** Upon Him who knew no sin must be laid the iniquity of us all. So dreadful does sin appear to Him, so great is the weight of guilt which He must bear, that He is tempted to fear it will shut Him out forever from His Father’s love. Feeling how terrible is the wrath of God against transgression, He exclaims, “My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.” **The Desire of Ages**, p. 685.

Matthew 26:39, 42, 44: Jesus pleads with the Father **three times** that **the cup** might pass from Him. “He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” ...⁴² Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” ...⁴⁴ So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.”

John 18:11: It was the **Father who gave** Jesus the cup to drink. “So Jesus said to Peter, “Put your sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink the cup which My Father has given Me?”

Luke 22:43, 44: The **sweat** of Jesus was as great drops of blood falling down to the ground “Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him.⁴⁴ And being in agony He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”

He began to bleed before anyone **laid a finger on Him**. **What** could make a man sweat **blood instead of water**? Notice that an **angel came** to strengthen Him. **Why?**

“Human nature would then and there have died under the horror of the sense of sin, had not an angel from heaven strengthened Him to bear the agony.” **God’s Amazing Grace**, p. 168

Psalms 22:1, 2: A prophecy that told how He would feel “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from helping Me and from the words of My groaning?² O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent.”

“He felt that by sin He was being separated from His Father. The **gulf** was so **broad, so black, so deep**, that His spirit shuddered before it. This agony He must not exert His divine power to escape. As man He must suffer the consequences of man’s sin. As man He must endure the wrath of God against transgression.” **Desire of Ages**, p. 686.

“As the substitute and surety for sinful man, Christ was suffering under divine justice. He saw what justice meant. Hitherto He had been as an intercessor for others; now He **longed to have an intercessor for Himself**.” **Desire of Ages**, p. 686.

“Satan told Him that if He became the surety for a sinful world, the separation would be eternal. He would be identified with Satan's kingdom, and would nevermore be one with God.” Desire of Ages, p. 687.

“The sins of men weighed heavily upon Christ, and the sense of God's wrath against sin was crushing out His life”. Desire of Ages, p. 687.

“The awful moment had come--that moment which was to decide the destiny of the world. The fate of humanity trembled in the balance. Christ might even **now refuse to drink the cup apportioned to guilty man**. It was not yet too late. He might wipe the bloody sweat from His brow, and leave man to perish in his iniquity. He might say, Let the transgressor receive the penalty of his sin, and I will go back to My Father. Will the Son of God drink the bitter cup of humiliation and agony? Will the innocent suffer the consequences of the curse of sin, to save the guilty? The words fall tremblingly from the pale lips of Jesus, "O My Father, if this cup may not pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done." Desire of Ages, p. 690.

“In this awful crisis, when everything was at stake, when the mysterious cup trembled in the hand of the sufferer, the heavens opened, a light shone forth amid the stormy darkness of the crisis hour, and the mighty angel who stands in God's presence, occupying the position from which Satan fell, came to the side of Christ. The angel came not to take the cup from Christ's hand, but to **strengthen Him to drink it**, with the assurance of the Father's love.” Desire of Ages, p. 693

Hebrews 5:7

“. . . who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear.”

John 8:29: During His **entire ministry** He had an **intimate link** with His Father and now His Father appeared to **forsake Him**. This made His suffering **almost unbearable** “And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.” **Why did it appear** that the Father had forsaken Him?

Galatians 3:13

“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law [why does it curse us?], having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.")

- Text from **Deuteronomy 21:22, 23**
- One who was hung from a tree was considered to be **cursed and forsaken** by God
- They were taken **outside the camp** of Israel
- Their dead body was left on a **stake until sundown**
- Then they were thrown in a **cave and stones** were piled up at the entrance
- This according to **Joshua 10:23-27**
- Jesus died **outside the camp (Hebrews 10:12, 13)**
- His body was taken down as sundown drew near

- He was considered forsaken by His Father
- He was placed in a cave and a stone was rolled across the entrance

II Corinthians 5:21: *“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*

Isaiah 53:4-6: *“Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him and by His stripes we are healed.⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”*

Romans 8:32: *“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”*

A personal example of mercy experienced by Pastor Bohr: He was on his way home from Prayer Meeting one night feeling exceptionally blessed. All of a sudden, he spotted blinking red and blue lights in the rear view mirror. He pulled over and a policeman came over and talked with him a bit about his speed which he acknowledged. After a few minutes conversation, the policeman informed him this was just a warning – he wasn’t going to give him a ticket even though he deserved one. The policeman even wished him well in his work as a preacher. Did the policeman do well? NO. If the law was broken, he was required to enforce it. Grace would be if he paid the ticket in Pastor Bohr’s place.

I John 2:2: *“And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”*

Jesus made provision to pay the debt of everyone on planet earth. But He will **not force** you to claim the payment. You can **opt out** and choose to **pay for your own debt**.

John 3:16: **Jesus loved the world** but only those who **accept the gift** are saved *“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*

Final Culmination of God’s Wrath

Revelation 20:7-9: A description of the lost that comes from **Ezekiel 38, 39**. Could they not have been **inside the city**? Didn’t Jesus **make provision** for them to be saved?

“Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison⁸ and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.⁹ They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them.”

Ezekiel 39:17-19 *"And as for you, son of man, thus says the Lord God: 'Speak to every sort of bird and to every beast of the field: "Assemble yourselves and come; gather together from all sides to My **sacrificial meal** which I am **sacrificing** for you, a great **sacrificial meal** on the mountains of Israel that you may eat flesh and drink blood. ¹⁸ You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of **rams and lambs, of goats and bulls**, all of them fatlings of Bashan. ¹⁹ You shall eat fat till you are full, and drink blood till you are drunk, at Meal which I am sacrificing for you."*

They did not **claim the payment** that Jesus **made to cancel** their indebtedness and therefore they have a debt to the law

Romans 6:23: The debt of sin **must be paid** for. There are **two ways to pay** for it: Either **Jesus pays** for it or the **sinner does**. *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

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Revelation 13:8: **They are not in the book of the Lamb that paid for them**

"All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

From the Old Testament (Genesis 22), we read of a severe test given to one of God's faithful servants – Abraham. God had told him many years before that he would become the father of a great nation through his son, Isaac. But, one night when Abraham's camp was sleeping, he was praying to his Father in heaven. God spoke to him telling him to take his dearly beloved son to Mount Moriah which was three days journey from where they were camped and to offer him as a sacrifice. With a broken heart and deep sorrow but trusting God to fulfill His promise, he started preparing for the trip. He awoke Isaac from a sound sleep as well as two servants so they could leave while everyone was still asleep. Isaac was a strapping young man at this time who was physically able to refuse to do what Abraham asked but he had been trained to obey his parents and he offered no resistance as to why they were taking this trip. On the third day, they could see Mount Moriah in the near distance and they left the two servants to wait for their return. Isaac took the wood for the fire on his back and Abraham carried the fire. Abraham still had not told Isaac the reason for the trip until they reached their destination. Isaac spoke to his father saying, "Father, we have wood and fire but we have no lamb for the sacrifice." Abraham answered him by saying that God would provide Himself as a lamb. They built an altar and Isaac comforted his father and allowed himself to be bound and placed on the altar. Just as Abraham lifted up the knife to thrust it into his beloved son, an angel called out to him to put the knife down and not to harm the young man. The angel continued to tell Abraham that he had passed the test God had put him through and He would continue to bless him and Isaac as he had promised.. Abraham spotted a ram caught in the bushes and picked him up to use as a sacrifice. They had a praise service thanking God all the way back to Sarah and their home.