Revelation 14:6-13

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

* Day 1

Read Revelation 14:6-13.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

6 And I saw another angel

flying in midheaven,

having an eternal gospel to preach

to those who live

on the earth,

and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people;

7 and he said with a loud voice,

“Fear God,

and give Him glory,

because the hour of His judgment has come;

worship Him

who made the heaven

and the earth and sea and springs of waters.”

8 And another angel,

a second one, followed, saying,

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great,

she who has made all the nations drink

of the wine of the passion

of her immorality.”

9 Then another angel,

a third one, followed them, saying

with a loud voice,

“If anyone worships the beast

and his image,

and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand,

10 he also will drink of the wine of the wrath of God,

which is mixed in full strength in the cup of His anger;

and he will 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 goes up forever and ever;

they have no rest day and night,

those who worship the beast

and his image,

and whoever receives the mark of his name.”

12 Here is the perseverance of the saints who keep the commandments of God

and their faith in Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying,

“Write,

‘Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!’”

“Yes,” says the Spirit,

“so that they may rest

from their labors,

for their deeds follow with them.”

1. Who is involved in this passage? List their titles or descriptions. If you can identify them from other parts of the book, include some texts (chapters or verses) where they are present.
2. What was the message of the first angel? To whom did that message go?
3. Describe what Babylon did. Just from this passage, what is God’s perspective on these actions?
4. What is stated about God and Jesus in this passage?
5. How will those who worship the beast be recognized?
6. Describe how the message of the second angel is different than the first.
7. What will happen to those who worship the beast and his image? List the descriptions from verses 9-11.

* Day 2

Read Revelation 14:6-13 again.

1. When are believers mentioned in this passage? What is said about them? What title is used?
2. What descriptors are used for the punishment declared by the third angel? Explain the intensity of this description.
3. What does perseverance look like for believers in the context of this passage?
4. How many of those who worship the beast and his image will receive the mark referred to in vs. 9? Also see 13:16-17 and 20:4.
5. What or who is Babylon, as referred to here? Also see Rev. 16:19, 17:3-6, 18:2-5, 18:9-18, and Daniel 4:28-30.
6. Considering the passages from question 12, What could be the immorality that is referred to?
7. What are believers called to do in this passage? List the commands.
8. In your own words, what warnings are given in this passage?

* Day 3

Read Revelation 14:6-13 again.

1. On what grounds are we to obey the exhortations of verse 7? What reason are we given to obey in these verses?
2. How does this passage make you more thankful for salvation through Jesus?
3. Could you be described as persevering in the faith and keeping the commandments of God? Provide evidence.
4. How long does the judgment of God last according to these verses?
5. Where does the theme of drinking show up in these verses? Contrast these.
6. Read Psalm 75:8, Jeremiah 25:15, Isaiah 51:17-20, and Obadiah 16. What do these passages add to the biblical theme of the cup/drinking? Also read Isaiah 51:21-22, Psalm 116:13, John 18:11, Matthew 26:39, and Revelation 16:19. What do these passages add to your understanding of the biblical theme of the cup/drinking?
7. Who is blessed according to the voice in heaven from verse 13?
8. What is the blessing? Why is it a blessing for them to die?

In preparation for Sunday, ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of our congregation for the preaching of the Word. Ask for the Holy Spirit to work among us in conviction over sin, encouragement to righteousness, and unity among those who are looking forward to these things to come.