

REVELATION: Lesson 131

Chapter 14:9-13, The Cup of God's Wrath / Beatitudes / A Promise to the Faithful

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This passage involves two groups of people. They are both left behind after the rapture of the Church. One group takes the mark of the beast, the other group does not.

Vs 9 One group worships the beast, the other does not. The one that you worship will be the object of your labors and service and the one to whom you exercise your talents and offer your financial gifts. Taking the beast's mark is an act of worship.

Vs 10 Those who take the mark of the beast will have to drink the cup of God's wrath.

- The Lord offered them living water (John 4:10, 7:37-38). They refused it.
- Now the Lord presents another cup, which they will drink of and not be able to refuse.

Psa 75:6-8 You can either let the Lord promote you (to Heaven) or you can stay down on Earth and drink from the cup of God's wrath.

Psalms 76:7 Today you can enjoy God's grace. If you reject it, you'll face an angry God.

Jer 49:12 Those who tortured and killed God's martyrs will drink of the cup of His wrath.

- God's people choose to suffer rather than kill those who persecute them. If we kill our enemies, they have no chance for salvation.
- God is love (1 Jn 4:8), but not only love. He is a just God (Deut 32:4, Job 4:17, Rev 15:3) who condemns the wicked (Exod 34:7, Rom 2:5-11).

Isa 51:17 God's own people, Israel, drank of the cup of his fury.

Hab 2:16 Those who glory in shameful things will drink of the Lord's cup until they're sick.

Those who take the mark of the beast "**shall be tormented with fire and brimstone...in the presence of the Lamb.**" The torment is not from the fire or the pain. It is from the knowledge that the Lamb would have saved them from an eternity in fire and brimstone, but they wouldn't have it.

Vs 11 “**They have no rest day nor night.**” The saved, like God, don’t need to sleep (Psalm 121:4). The lost in Hell will not be given such a comfort.

THE BEATITUDES IN REVELATION (“Blessed are...”)

1. You’ll be blessed if you read and keep God’s word (Rev 1:3).
 2. You’ll be blessed if you die in the Lord (Rev 14:13).
 3. You’re blessed if you’re watching for the Lord’s coming (Rev 16:15).
 4. It’s a blessing to be bidden to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:9).
 5. You’re blessed if you have part in the first resurrection (Rev 20:6).
 6. Those who keep the sayings of God’s book are blessed (Rev 22: 7).
 7. Doing God’s commandments is a blessing (Rev 22:14).
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Vs 13 Here is a promise to those who die in the Lord from henceforth (from this day forward).

- The Church has been raptured.
 - The Tribulation witnesses have been raptured.
 - It is still not too late to get the Lord’s blessing.
 - You can rest from your labours.
 - Your works do follow. You’ll have rewards in the kingdom.
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Do you have some works that will continue to minister even after you’re gone?