



The Messages of Three Angels

PART 31

Introductions

Let's get started by sharing our names and answering this question: *[Choose your own question]*.

Songs of Praise

Let's begin our time singing to the Lord. *[Sing additional songs if you prefer. Contact the church office for copies of our church songbooks.]*

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
full of pity, love, and pow'r.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
true belief and true repentance,
every grace that brings you nigh.

Let not conscience make you linger,
nor of fitness fondly dream;
all the fitness He requireth
is to feel your need of Him.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,
lost and ruined by the fall;
if you tarry till you're better,
you will never come at all.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended,
pleads the merit of His blood;
venture on Him, venture wholly;
let no other trust intrude.

J. Hart, 1759

Church News

- Men's Breakfast, February 21, 8:30AM

Study

[This guide utilizes the Sunday sermon notes, please [click this link](#) to access them.]

Q: Would someone open us in prayer?

Q: Would someone read aloud Revelation 15:6-13?

In this section of chapter 14 John hears three proclamations from three different angels. Their words point to the final judgment which will be poured out at the return of Jesus.

Q: Could you summarize the message of the first angel?

Q: What is the gospel, and why is it eternal?¹
(Consider reading 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

Q: In verse seven, how does the fear of God relate to good news?

The second angel announces the fall of Babylon.

Q: What does Babylon represent?²

Q: How would you summarize the overall message of the second angel?

Look at the message of the third angel in verses 9-11.

Q: What is the goal of the beast?

Q: Based on this section, what do we learn about God's judgment?

Some argue that hell is temporary. They argue that the judgment of sinners in hell will one day come to an end in their total annihilation of existence.

Q: Why does a message of temporary judgment not square with what we read in this text? (see verse 14:11)

Q: How does the eternal judgment of God in hell increase the urgency of the eternal gospel? What does this look like in your life?

Q: Looking at these three angelic messages, why is it important for Christians to share all three messages when they evangelize?

Q: According to verse 12, what does it mean for Christians to have endurance? Where do you need to have endurance lately?

This section closes with the second of seven beatitudes or 'words of blessing' that are found in Revelation.

Q: Look at verse 13. How would you summarize this word of blessing?

Q: According to verse 13, does it matter what we do in this life?

Q: Are there any further questions or comments before we break for prayer?

Prayer

[Take time to pray - men with men, and women with women.]

Notes...

¹ "An eternal gospel" – The word translated "gospel" means "announce" and carries with it the idea of good news. It was a word often used in military applications as the good news of battles won and territory gained. Biblically, the gospel is the good news that Jesus died for sinners and rose again in victory over death (1 Cor. 15:3-4). The gospel of Jesus is "eternal" in that it is the fulfillment of an "everlasting covenant" (Genesis 17:7, 13, 19). The gospel announces an eternal salvation for all who believe (John 3:16).

² The great power of Babylon (7/6th BC) oppressed God's people, destroying Judah and carrying them into captivity and idolatry. Babylon became a metaphor for oppressive powers, like Rome, who set themselves up against Christ and his reign. Revelation's Babylon is worldwide in its scope, alluring the nations into idolatrous pride, covetous materialism, and sexual perversion.