

Text

Revelation 16:15, NIV

“Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”

Spiritual Warfare, Worship, and Prayer

- Spiritual Warfare – _____ through _____.
- Worship – Praising God for His _____.
- Prayer – Our requests and God's _____.

God's Intensifying Judgments

- _____ for followers of the world system (16:2).
- _____ suffering/punishment (16:3-7; 18:11-13)
- Punishing _____ (16:8-9).
- Plunged into _____ (16:10-11).
- Final Judgment (16:12-21).

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- If you could have a bowl full of anything right now, what would you want? Why?
- How does the world system obtain victory over its opponents? How do God's people gain victory over the world system (Rev. 12:11)? Why do you think Christ's kingdom is so different from the world?
- Read Revelation 5:8 and 6:10. How do the bowls in 5:8 compare to those in chapters 15 and 16? How do the prayers of God's people affect the judgments of God?
- Look at Exodus 2:23-25. What does this passage teach us about God's response to His people's cries of despair? What might Christians be despairing about today? Does God hear our complaints? How do you think He responds?
- How do you feel about chapter 15 showing people worshipping God for His judgments on sinful humanity? What motivates the worship? How might we find ourselves praising God for His judgments?
- Which of the seven bowls remind you of the Exodus plagues? Why do you think John ties these judgments so closely to the OT plagues?
- Do you think the judgments of God are intensifying in our time? What do you think the world will look like as we approach the End?
- How do the final judgments (16:12-21) bring hope to faithful Christians? How are they a warning for compromising Christians? Are you reading for the End (16:15)?