

WORSHIP IS KEY!
Revelation 15
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JUSTICE IS A RARE COMMODITY IN THE WORLD.

“Walk through the streets of Jerusalem and put a mark on the foreheads of all who weep and sigh because of the detestable sins being committed in their city.”
(Ezekiel 9:4, NLT)

WE LIVE WITH CONVICTION GOD’S JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL.

“Then I saw in heaven another marvelous event of great significance. Seven angels were holding the seven last plagues, which would bring God’s wrath to completion. I saw before me what seemed to be a glass sea mixed with fire. And on it stood all the people who had been victorious over the beast and his statue and the number representing his name. They were all holding harps that God had given them. And they were singing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb: “Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous deeds have been revealed.” Then I looked and saw that the Temple in heaven, God’s Tabernacle, was thrown wide open. The seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the Temple. They were clothed in spotless white linen with gold sashes across their chests. Then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. The Temple was filled with smoke from God’s glory and power. No one could enter the Temple until the seven angels had completed pouring out the seven plagues.” (Revelation 15, NLT)

WE WORSHIP WITH CONFIDENCE THROUGH LIFE'S TRIALS.

“And they were singing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb: “Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations. Who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous deeds have been revealed.” (Revelation 15:3–4, NLT)

1. Trust God's methods and timing.
2. Let God determine the outcome.

REVELATION BEGAN WITH JESUS WHOM WE WORSHIP.

“And standing in the middle of the lampstands was someone like the Son of Man. He was wearing a long robe with a gold sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white like wool, as white as snow. And his eyes were like flames of fire. His feet were like polished bronze refined in a furnace, and his voice thundered like mighty ocean waves. He held seven stars in his right hand, and a sharp two-edged sword came from his mouth. And his face was like the sun in all its brilliance. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, “Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last.” (Revelation 1:13–17, NLT)

REVELATION CONTINUES WITH GOD'S PEOPLE WORSHIPPING!

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty—the one who always was, who is, and who is still to come... You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created what you pleased.” (Revelation 4:8, 11, NLT)

REVELATION FINISHES WITH A NEW HEAVEN AND EARTH AS A SANCTUARY OF WORSHIP.

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared. And the sea was also gone. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, “Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”
(Revelation 21:1–4, NLT)

“I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light. The nations will walk in its light, and the kings of the world will enter the city in all their glory. Its gates will never be closed at the end of day because there is no night there. And all the nations will bring their glory and honor into the city. Nothing evil will be allowed to enter, nor anyone who practices shameful idolatry and dishonesty—but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Then the angel showed me a river with the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It flowed down the center of the main street. On each side of the river grew a tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, with a fresh crop each month. The leaves were used for medicine to heal the nations. No longer will there be a curse upon anything. For the throne of God and of the Lamb will be there, and his servants will worship him. And they will see his face, and his name will be written on their foreheads. And there will be no night there—no need for lamps or sun—for the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever.”
(Revelation 21:22–22:5, NLT)

GOD WANTS US TO ORIENT OUR LIVES IN WORSHIP SO WE CAN SEE CLEARLY.

“Then I looked and saw that the Temple in heaven, God’s Tabernacle, was thrown wide open. The seven angels who were holding the seven plagues came out of the Temple. They were clothed in spotless white linen with gold sashes across their chests. Then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever. The Temple was filled with smoke from God’s glory and power. No one could enter the Temple until the seven angels had completed pouring out the seven plagues.”

(Revelation 15:5–8, NLT)

GOD’S JUDGMENTS INTENSIFY.

1. 7 Seals > 7 Trumpets > 7 Bowls
2. A part of the earth, a third of the earth, then all the earth.
3. A warning of judgment, a partial judgment, a full judgment.
4. God’s judgments are intensifying.
5. Why? To give people the opportunity to see Him.
6. The world doesn’t fall apart in a day.

The 7 Seals Final Conflict	The 7 Trumpets Final Destruction	The 7 Bowls Final Judgment
a. White horse: Conquest	a. 1/3 of the earth	a. Sores
b. Red horse: War	b. 1/3 of the sea	b. Sea to Blood
c. Black horse: Famine	c. 1/3 of the rivers	c. Rivers to Blood
d. Pale horse: Death	d. 1/3 of the lights	d. Fire from the sun
e. Martyrs	e. Locusts	e. Darkness
f. Earthquakes	f. 1/3 of men	f. Euphrates River dries up
g. The 7 th seal is the 7 Trumpets	g. The 7 th trumpet is the 7 bowls	g. Earthquake it is done!

GROWTHWORK

1. LIVE AS AN OVERCOMER.

“I saw before me what seemed to be a glass sea mixed with fire. And on it stood all the people who had been victorious over the beast and his statue and the number representing his name. They were all holding harps that God had given them.” (Revelation 15:2, NLT)

2. PRAISE GOD FOR HIS DELIVERANCE.

“And they were singing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb: “Great and marvelous are your works, O Lord God, the Almighty. Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations.” (Revelation 15:3, NLT)

3. THINK AND REASON BIBLICALLY.

“We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do. We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and to destroy false arguments.” (2 Corinthians 10:3–4, NLT)

4. PRAY ALWAYS.

“Then one of the four living beings handed each of the seven angels a gold bowl filled with the wrath of God, who lives forever and ever.”
(Revelation 15:7, NLT)

5. LIVE FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

“The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.” (Galatians 5:17, NLT)

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,” (Galatians 5:22, NLT)

6. BE A WITNESS.

“Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.” (1 Peter 2:11–12, NLT)