

Righteous Judgment: The 7 Bowls

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Day 1: The Obedience
of Heaven

Reading:
Matthew 6:9-13

The sermon drew our attention to a striking detail — when God commanded the angels to pour out the bowls, they went immediately, without hesitation or question. This is what it looks like for God's will to be done in heaven. The Lord's Prayer calls us to mirror that same willing obedience on earth. Consider how often you delay, negotiate, or soften what God has clearly called you to do. Obedience is not merely eventual compliance — it is immediate, wholehearted response. Ask God today to cultivate in you the kind of unhesitating surrender that heaven models perfectly.

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Day 2: The Gift of
Repentance

Reading:
Ezekiel 36:26-27;
Acts 11:18

One of the most sobering realities in Revelation 16 is that those suffering under God's judgment refused to repent. They blasphemed rather than bowed. The sermon reminds us that repentance is not a natural human capacity — it is a gift granted through regeneration. A new heart, given by the Holy Spirit, creates in us a desire to confess, to turn from sin, and to glorify God. Those without Christ cannot and will not repent. If you have been given this gift, do not treat it casually. Confess daily, turn deliberately, and thank God that He made repentance possible in you.

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Day 3: Clothed in
Righteousness

Reading:
Isaiah 61:10;
Romans 3:21-24

The sermon made a critical distinction: we are not made righteous in ourselves — we are clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. This is not a minor theological point. It is the entire foundation of our standing before a holy God. The angels in Revelation 16 praise God as righteousness itself — not merely righteous, but the very source and definition of righteousness. Because Christ bore our sin and we bear His righteousness, we can stand before that holy God without shame. Let this truth anchor your soul today. Your confidence before God rests entirely on what Christ has done, not what you have earned.

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Day 4: Praise in the
Midst of Judgment

Reading:
Psalm 97:1-2;
Revelation 16:5-7

In the middle of devastating judgment, the angels break into doxology. They declare that God is true, holy, and righteous in all His ways. The sermon challenges us to adopt this posture — that praise should never be reserved only for comfortable moments. *Sola Deo Gloria*, glory to God alone, must be the conclusion of every season of life, including difficult ones. God's judgments are not arbitrary. They are the expression of His perfect, eternal character. When circumstances are hard to understand, return to what is certain: God is holy, His judgments are true, and He alone deserves all glory.

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Day 5: Watchfulness and
the Return of Christ

Reading:
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;
Revelation 16:15

Christ interrupts the narrative of Revelation 16 with a personal, urgent word: He is coming like a thief. The sermon calls this an appeal for moral alertness, active obedience, and the faithful sharing of the gospel. We are not called to read passages like Revelation 16 and retreat into fear — we are called to respond with urgency and readiness. Mortify sin. Pursue Christlikeness. Share the gospel boldly with those who have not yet heard. The same righteousness of God that pours out wrath on the unrepentant is the righteousness that covers you completely in Christ. Live today as one who is watching and ready.

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