

## ***Week 6: Putting the Fullness of God's Wrath into Context***

### **I. THIS IS THE SEASON TO GET THIS INTO OUR CONVERSATION**

- A. There are important biblical themes or subjects related to the end times that the Holy Spirit wants in the conversation of the global body of Christ. God is giving us time now to study these topics before they unfold in a greater way across the earth.
- B. I believe that the birth pains of Matthew 24:4-8 have already started. I assume that some of the current pressures in the earth are birth pains, and maybe some are more like “morning sickness.”

### **II. THE FULL STRENGTH OF THE WRATH OF GOD**

- A. The earth has never seen the full strength or full measure of God's judgments poured out. Only twice in the Scripture do we see global judgments—in the days of Noah and at the Lord's return.  
***<sup>9</sup>Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast ... <sup>10</sup>he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation... (Rev. 14:9-10)***
- B. In the end times, the Lord is giving mankind the opportunity to choose to either go deep in love for Jesus and righteousness or to go deep in sin and rebellion against God.
- C. The Church will be radically transformed to walk in the First Commandment as a prepared Bride.
- D. Many will walk in the depth of sin and darkness never before seen on earth (Dan. 8:23).

### **III. GOD'S PATIENCE THROUGH THE GENERATIONS**

- A. Since the time of Noah, the Lord has restrained Himself in terms of meting out judgment. In the day of the Lord's vengeance, He will once for all time confront darkness on a global level.  
***<sup>14</sup>“I have held My peace a long time; I have been still and restrained Myself [God's judgments]. Now I will cry like a woman in labor...<sup>15</sup>I will lay waste the mountains and hills...”***  
***(Isa. 42:14-15)***
- B. Peter spoke of the Lord retraining His justice because of His great patience (2 Pet. 3:9).  
***<sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slack concerning His promise...but is longsuffering [patient] toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2 Pet. 3:9)***

### **IV. THE FULLNESS OF MAN'S TRANSGRESSION**

- A. Mankind will reach their full capacity to engage with sin and the demonic realm (Dan. 8:23).  
***<sup>23</sup>“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness... (Dan. 8:23)***

- B. One reason that we can't imagine the full strength of God's wrath is because we can't imagine the measure to which multitudes will be demonized and given to evil as they will be in the end times.
- C. At the same time, God's people will be purified and shine brightly as the prepared bride of Christ.  
*<sup>9</sup>And he said, "Go your way, Daniel, for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.  
<sup>10</sup>Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. (Dan. 12:9-10)*
- D. The "fullness of transgression" can be understood as oppression—many who have power and advantage will oppress those without power and without hope of escape.
- E. In Daniel 8 and Revelation 13, we see the fullness of sin tied to the Antichrist and his evil empire that has all the power and all the advantages.

#### V. THE CRY FOR JUSTICE IS THE CRY FOR JUDGMENT

- A. The parable of the widow and the unjust judge (Lk. 18) is set in the context of the end times and the days of Noah (Lk. 17:26-30). Thus it speaks of the end-time prayer movement crying out night and day for the Lord to bring justice in context to Antichrist's empire.
- B. When Jesus asked if He would find faith on the earth when He returned, He was speaking of faith or "agreement with Him" in how they seek to resist oppression in the end time.
- C. C.S. Lewis remarked that in the Psalms the saints rejoiced in God's judgments. The Church in the West is uncomfortable with contemplating the judgment of the Lord at His return.
- D. Some of God's judgments are to be understood perpetrators standing before a **criminal court** and others are like victims standing before a **civil court** seeing justice related to being mistreated.
- E. In Revelation 13, the Antichrist will have great power and advantage in the social structures, and that at that time many of God's people will be the disadvantaged in social status. When we see judgment in the light of oppression, then we can agree with God's judgment that bring deliverance.
- F. We understand the full wrath of God in Revelation 16 in the light of the Antichrist's great oppression of God's people in Revelation 13.

#### VI. THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE COMING COLLISION

- A. In the end time there will be a great collision between the intense glory in the Church and the intense negatives in the Antichrist empire which will occur in this one generation.
- B. This theme and its components need to become a part of the Church's conversation over the next couple decades.