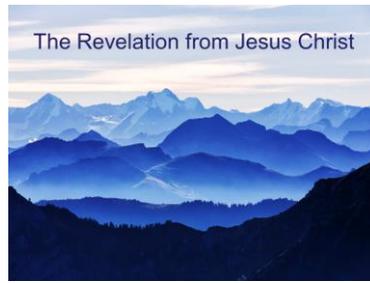




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Series - Revelation

Study Guide 11: Revelation 20:7 - 21:8 - The Lake of Burning Sulphur, Final Judgement & the New Heaven and the New Earth

Please feel free to answer some or all of the following questions.

1. There is often a gap between how the bible encourages us to live the Christian life and how we actually live. We are justified, put in a right relationship with God, but still struggle with the presence of sin. We are in the process of being sanctified or being made holy and not yet glorified. In what areas of your life are you aware of a gap between the Christian life and how you live and how do you experience the tension between the two?
2. Read **Revelation 20:7-10**. How would you respond if someone asked you, 'How can a good and loving God allow people to go to the Lake of Burning Sulphur?'?
3. Read **Revelation 20:11-15**. How do you think you might feel stood before this great white throne?
4. How do you feel when you read **Revelation 20:7-15**? How do these verses both challenge and confirm your view of God?
5. **Revelation 20:12** tells us that 'the books were opened' and then that 'another book was opened, which is the Book of Life.' The books represent our works or our effort. The Book of Life represents God's grace. None of us can earn the right to have our names in that book and none of us deserve it. Reflect on 'the books' and 'the Book of Life'. How do they impact your life? How do you want to respond?
6. Read **Revelation 17:8** and **Revelation 3:5**. How are these verses and the Book of Life both an encouragement and a challenge? What words of encouragement and challenge do you think the Lord Jesus might have for you, your home group, the Church, our local community / town and our country? What would help you to take up the challenge, persevere and overcome?
7. **Revelation 1:6** says that God 'has made us to be a Kingdom and Priests'. In light of **Revelation 20:7-10, 18** what do you think our role as a Kingdom and Priests should look like? What 1 thing is the Lord asking you to do in order to better fulfil this role? Please consider issues related to character, time, money, prayer life etc.
8. Read **Revelation 21:1-8**. If you are honest how have you imagined life after death? How does your image compare and contrast with the description here of the New Earth and a physical, beautiful place to live?
9. How do you want to live today in light of tomorrow and this glorious future of the New Heaven and the New Earth that the Lord is unveiling for us?