

Questions About Relationship with the Lord

Revelation 14:6-13

Introduction:

A. The arrangement of Rev 14

1. One picture of Christ's future arrival on the earth (vv 1-5)
 - a. The place – Mt. Z_____ (1)
 - b. The people with Him - _____ (2-5)
2. Four Announcements in light of Christ's coming (vv. 6-13)
 - a. The p_____ of the gospel to every nation, tribe, tongue and people encouraging them to repent before it is too late (vv. 6,7)
 - b. The f_____ of Babylon the Great (v. 8) – identified as the Roman Empire ruling in John's day in Rev 18
 - c. The certain eternal judgment on those receiving the m_____ of the beast with a notation of the perseverance of the saints (vv 9-12)
 - d. The b_____ on those who complete their work on earth and die (v. 13).
3. Two harvests
 - a. The harvest of believers (vv. 14-16) - resurrection to eternal l_____ which happens at Christ's coming (1 Thess 4:16,17)
 - b. The harvest of unbelievers (vv. 17-20) – resurrection to eternal j_____ which happens at the end of Christ's 1000 year reign (Rev 20:11-15)

B. Today we will look at the four announcements

1. God created us to have a p_____ relationship with Him.
2. Here are three questions that we need to answer each day concerning our relationship to the Lord.

Are you filled with His p_____? (6-11)

A. Three commands to personally interact with the Lord

1. F_____ (reverence) God
 - a. This does not mean that we are to be afraid of His p_____ (see 1Jn 4:18,19)
 - b. Eph 5:33 commands wives to r_____ their husbands (the Greek word is to fear)
 - c. Rev 15:4 and Ps 22:23 lists the same three actions showing that they are interconnected.
2. G_____ God

- a. Bring a _____ to the Lord not to yourself
 - 1) Lk 17:18 - only one of the 10 lepers who were healed came back and glorified God by t_____ Jesus.
 - 2) Acts 12:21-23 – King Herod was s_____ dead for accepting the praises of the people instead of glorifying God.
- b. How are you bringing attention to God each day?
3. W_____ the Creator
 - a. The word literally means to bow the k_____ and is a picture of a person giving total devotion.
 - b. The greatest commandment is to love the Lord with all your h_____, soul, m_____, and strength.
 - 1) Worship that just involves your b_____ is a ritual.
 - 2) Worship that just involves your e_____ is shallow.
 - 3) Worship that that just involves your m_____ is just about facts.
 - c. Worship must involve your w_____ being

Are you fueled by His p_____? (12)

- A. Three activities that need the power of God
 1. P_____
 2. O_____
 3. F_____
- B. Whenever you face undesirable circumstances
 1. From God's standpoint – it is a t_____ of your faith (Jms 1:2)
 2. From Satan's standpoint – it is chance for f_____ (Eph 6:10,11)
- C. Whenever you face temptation
 1. Satan wants you to depend upon your own w_____ power (and many have overcome temptation this way) to keep you from interacting with God.
 2. God wants you to depend upon His p_____ by intense prayer (Matt 26:41).
- D. Doing God's work
 1. Many dream up things to do for God and eventually b_____ out because they are doing all the work.
 2. We need to let God do His work t_____ us (Gal 2:20; Phil 2:12,13; Eph 3:20).
 3. Are you fueled by His power?

Are you focused on His p_____? (13)

- A. We live in an age of instant gratification
 - 1. F_____ food
 - 2. Information at our f_____
 - 3. Buy on c_____
- B. Believers may demand certain results in doing God's work
 - 1. W_____ - tries to manipulate people into accepting Christ
 - 2. Many Churches who hire youth workers measure success by n_____.
 - 3. P_____ - demanding that God conform His will to our requests.
- C. We must focus on God's plans
 - 1. God's plan for you is to use you as His instrument as you fear, glorify, and worship Him
 - 2. God working through us is called l_____ (God's work is not relaxing – check out Moses, Daniel, Paul).
 - 3. As long as you are a_____, God is not done using you.
 - a. We should never long to die – death is the c_____ of sin, not a blessing of God (see v. 13).
 - b. We can look forward to r_____ from our labors
 - 1) The blessing is r_____
 - 2) The reason given for this blessedness is that our labors f_____ us into eternity (all our labors will be rewarded – see sermon on Rev 2:18-29).

Conclusion:

- A. Jesus d_____ to bring us into a personal relationship with God through Him (1Pet 3:18)
- B. How are you personally interacting with the Lord?
 - 1. Are you filled with His person? (who is really in control?)
 - 2. Are you fueled by His power? (what are you really depending upon?)
 - 3. Are you focused on His plans? (This passage reveals God's plans for you).