



Sermon Discussion Guide¹

Rev 14:6-13 | Kevin DeYoung

“Three Words and a Blessing”
Sunday Morning, February 18th, 2024

The First Word: A word of warning

1. **judgement:** The reality of the “hour of His judgment” is not an easy doctrine for the church. What is at risk if the church refuses to acknowledge the final judgment?
2. **good news?** The labeling of these verses as the “eternal gospel” is central to our understanding their significance. Why are these hard verses actually *good news*?

The Second Word: A word of woe

3. **Babylon:** What does the landscape of “Babylon” look like in our lives? In what specific ways are we tempted to be distracted by what this world has to offer? Is the church at risk here? In what way?
4. **strangers:** How prevalent in your own life, from day to day, is the truth that we are “strangers and aliens in this world?” What is the tension between our citizenship in heaven and the call to be “in this world but not of it” (John 17:14, 15)?
5. **unnatural:** Kevin talked about how obedience can be so difficult that it feels *unnatural*. How are we to endure when obedience to God feels unnatural? What is the significance of community when we are tempted to live a way of life that has already been judged?

The Third Word: A word to the wicked

6. **eternity:** Kevin gave several texts to elaborate on the *eternality* of the tormenting fire and sulfur. If this teaching makes us uncomfortable and fills us with dread, what are we to do? How are we to instruct our hearts and minds regarding these hard things?
7. **pray:** How does the word from this third angel inform your thinking and your prayers for people who are far from God?²

The Blessing

8. **endurance:** Where have we seen the “call for the endurance of the saints” previous to 14:12? How does this text capture the answer to the question, “how are we to endure?”
9. **deeds:** This was the 2nd of 7 blessings in Revelation. What promise is there for those who have His name written on their foreheads? What does it mean to you that your “deeds will follow you?”
10. **happiness and rest:** In what way does the promise of eternal rest resonate with you today? How does this text show what it means to have true happiness?
11. **reflection:** Kevin finished this sermon with a description of a person who is known as one who “has a lot of Babylon in her.” He went on to say, “Are you and I living in a way of life that is destined to be judged? Are we living for a city that has no foundations?” What practical truths have you taken away from this text toward that end?

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² Feel free to carve out time to pray for friends and family who don’t know Christ.

General Outline

- I. Word of Judgement
- II. Word of Woe
- III. Word to the Wicked
- IV. Final Blessing

Questions for Kids:

- What do you remember about the sermon Sunday morning?
- We heard some scary things on Sunday. How do we know Christians will be safe in the Last Judgement? (Try utilizing Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1)³

³ **What is your only comfort in life and in death?**

That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.