

## LIFE LESSONS FROM REVELATION

### Revelation Summary

People sometimes think doctrine is boring. That's not true. Teachers can be boring, preachers can be boring, but when you realize how useful it is, biblical doctrine is life changing. The book of Revelation, which we are concluding today, tackles one of the deepest and hardest doctrines taught in the Bible, the end-times (Eschatology). And it is a perfect illustration that doctrine is practical, relevant, and transformative.

Let's look at central truths spanning the chapters, and see how they relate to us. Consider this a "rave review" of the book of Revelation:

### REVELATION CHAPTER 1

**The Truth:** The Centrality of Jesus and His Words to a Christian's life.

**The Application:**

Revelation 1:3 "Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near."

### REVELATION CHAPTERS 2-3

**The Truth:** These Seven Churches are pictures of what a church can be or shouldn't be today.

**The Applications:**

- Philadelphia is the church we should be, aim to be, and pray that God makes GCF become.
- If we are not careful, our ministry vigor and doctrinal vigilance can lead us to become Ephesus; or our being blessed materially can make us like self-sufficient Laodicea, God forbid!

### REVELATION CHAPTERS 4-5

**The Truth:** The Primacy of Worship.

**The Application:**

Heaven is all about worship, and our life on earth should be all about worship. If we are not enjoying worship now, what makes us think we belong to heaven? It's all we'll be doing throughout eternity. And it is the greatest proof of a changed heart.

## REVELATION CHAPTERS 6-19

**The Truths:** The Tribulation shows -

- The Sovereignty of God over evil.
- The Wrath of God against rebelliousness.
- The Mercy of God toward repentance.

**The Applications:**

- Evil cannot win forever, there's a time for its end. And those who have lived for it, and die in it, pay for it.
- As the Sunday School song goes: "Do you know my Jesus? Do you know my Lord? Have you heard, He loves you, and that He will abide till the end".

## REVELATION CHAPTERS 20-22

**The Truth:** The Reality of Heaven and the Imminence of Christ's Return.

**The Application:**

Heaven is more than a destination, it's a motivation. The Bible calls us to live like we could be leaving at any time. Are you ready to depart? Can you echo John's words in 22:20, "Come, Lord Jesus?" If not, the time to prepare for your tomorrow is today. If you have any unfinished business with Christ or another believer, take care of it today.

**Final Thoughts:**

God is for us, not against us. He is after us, for our good and His glory. His Words, like Revelation, were written to help us live, not drain the life out of us. As you realize this, may you indeed discover that this book is our "Help for Living, and Hope for Leaving".