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# The Book of Revelation: Session 19

## Revelation 14

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**YouTube:** “Verse by Verse Teaching | Revelation 14 | Gary Hamrick”  
(taught on November 11, 2020 | 41:07 minutes)

**Notes:**

“Revelation 14 is a parenthetical chapter, ... [where] John wants to insert hope and a reference to God’s mercy in the midst of His wrath.”

“When you eliminate any system of absolutes, it sets the stage for globalism. Everything becomes relative. We see that happening in our own day.”

“God is still going to get the gospel out, so that people who are alive ... during the seven years of tribulation will still have an opportunity to get saved, and God uses a very unique method to announce the gospel...”

Angel #1 (verses 6-7): The invitation to accept Christ – “God sends an angel to fly in mid-air, to proclaim the gospel, so that nobody has an excuse, and everybody has an opportunity to hear the good news of Jesus.”

Angel #2 (verse 8): The declaration of the doom of the Antichrist’s system (seen in Revelation 18).

Angel #3 (verses 9-11): The condemnation of those who choose to follow the Beast.

Jesus is the Harvester of Revelation 14:14-16: Sitting on a white cloud (purity), wearing a golden crown (victory), holding a sharp sickle (authority).

“God has called us to be salt and light in the earth, and may we be used by Him to influence our world with the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

## Questions:

1. Read Revelation 14:1-5. Chuck Swindoll comments: “The description of the 144,000 in Revelation 14:1-5 should convict all of us who claim to be followers of Christ. ... We might generalize their description: In their relationship with others, they are pure. In their relationship with God, they are obedient. Surrounded by deception and lies, they exhibit remarkable integrity. They have an unimpeachable character that results in an impeccable record. They display proof of the gospel by their very lives. ... Too often we forget that having a right manner of life is just as important as having the right message in our lives.” Read Matthew 5:13-16. What specific sins is compromising the saltiness or brightness of Jesus’ church in our present day?
2. Read Revelation 14:6-13. Focusing on verse 12, what principles or practises have helped cultivate a “patient endurance” within you as you have journeyed with the Lord and with His people?
3. Read Revelation 14:14-20. For millennia, God has had incredible mercy on this sinful, evil world. But His patience will one day run out. Chuck Swindoll once again comments: “The Greek word translated “ripe” (verse 15) means “dried” or “withered,” suggesting that the condition of wicked humanity had become “overripe.” This tells us that the Lord, in His mercy, has delayed judgment as long as possible. ... The word used in verse 18 for “ripe” differs from the word that described the wheat harvest. The term means “to be at the prime.” [In other words,] the wickedness of the world had reached a crescendo,” and the saints’ prayers for justice will finally be answered. Read Joel 3:12-21. What promises can we cling to in this prophetic passage?

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