

The First Angel's Message

Fear God • Give Glory • The Hour of His Judgment • Worship the Creator

A Bible Study on Revelation 14:6-7

Revelation 14:6-7 - *And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth... Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.*

Study Aim: To understand the practical meaning of the first angel's message and how it calls God's people into reverent obedience, confession, judgment-hour readiness, and true worship of the Creator.

Reference	Teaching Point
Fear God	Reverence God through obedience, loyalty, service, and covenant faithfulness.
Give Glory	Honor God by confession, repentance, thanksgiving, stewardship, and a surrendered lifestyle.
The Hour of His Judgment	Recognize the solemn reality of judgment and live with boldness in Christ.
Worship the Creator	Return to true worship in spirit and truth, honoring Him as Maker of heaven and earth.

1. What Does It Mean to Fear God?

To fear God is not a carnal terror that drives the soul away from Him. It is reverence, loyalty, submission, and holy respect that leads a person to obey His voice and walk in His ways.

Reference	Teaching Point
Ecclesiastes 8:11-13	It will be well with those who fear God.
Deuteronomy 13:4	Those who fear God walk in His ways, keep His commandments, obey His voice, serve Him, and cleave to Him.
Psalms 25:14	The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him; He will show them His covenant.
Psalms 34:7, 9	The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him; there is protection and provision.
Psalms 103:11	Great mercy is promised to those who fear Him.
Psalms 147:11	The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him and hope in His mercy.
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14	The whole duty of man is to fear God and keep His commandments, because every work will be brought into judgment.

Summary: Those who fear God do not merely acknowledge Him intellectually. They obey Him practically. The fear of God produces commandment keeping, covenant loyalty, mercy, protection, and readiness for judgment.

2. Give Glory to Him

To give glory to God means to honor Him in truth, put away sin, confess wrong, thank Him for mercy, and live in a way that reflects His character.

Reference	Teaching Point
Joshua 6:18; 7:1, 10-13, 19-21	Achan's sin shows that God is glorified when hidden sin and Babylonish goods are put away and confessed.
Luke 17:12-19	The healed leper gave glory to God by returning with thanksgiving after receiving cleansing.
Revelation 4:8-11	Heaven gives glory, honor, and thanks to the One who sits upon the throne and created all things.
1 Corinthians 10:31	Whether eating, drinking, or whatever we do, all is to be done to the glory of God.
Colossians 3:17	Whatever we do in word or deed must be done in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Practical Application: Giving glory to God touches the whole life: confession of sin, gratitude for cleansing, diet, lifestyle, speech, worship, and daily conduct.

3. The Hour of His Judgment Is Come

The first angel does not say judgment will eventually come; it announces that the hour of His judgment is come. God's people are called to understand the time and live accordingly.

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Ecclesiastes 8:5	The wise heart discerns both time and judgment.
Psalms 89:14; 97:2	Righteousness and judgment are the foundation of God's throne.
Psalms 9:7-8; 96:13	God has prepared His throne for judgment; He judges with righteousness and truth.
John 5:22, 27	The Father has committed judgment to the Son; Jesus executes judgment.
Romans 14:10-12	Each person must stand before the judgment seat of Christ and give account to God.
2 Corinthians 5:10	All must appear before the judgment seat of Christ.
John 9:39	Christ came into the world for judgment.
John 16:7-8	The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment.
Romans 2:5-11	God's judgment is according to truth and according to deeds.
1 John 4:17	As God's will is lived out now, believers may have boldness in the day of judgment.
Jude 14-15	From the days of Enoch, the seventh from Adam, a coming judgment has been proclaimed.

Summary: Judgment is not against the gospel; it is part of the everlasting gospel. Christ administers the judgment, the Spirit convicts concerning judgment, and God's throne is founded upon righteousness and judgment.

4. Worship Him That Made Heaven and Earth

The first angel's message calls the world back to the worship of the Creator. True worship must be according to truth, not ignorance, tradition, or man-made forms.

John 4:23-24 - *The true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.*

Acts 17:23-31 - *Paul declared the unknown God as the Creator of the world and all things, the Lord of heaven and earth, who gives life, breath, and all things. He commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.*

Hebrews 1:5-6 - *When God brings the firstbegotten into the world, He says, "And let all the angels of God worship him."*

5. Heavenly Worship: Revelation 4

Revelation 4:6-11 - *Before the throne was a sea of glass like unto crystal. The living creatures cry, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come." The twenty-four elders fall down before Him, worship Him, cast their crowns before the throne, and say, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things."*

Heavenly worship is Creator-centered. The reason given for worship is clear: God created all things, and for His pleasure they exist.

6. The Contest Over True Worship

Revelation 13 reveals a counterfeit system of worship. While Revelation 14 calls the world to worship the Creator, Revelation 13 shows the world worshipping the dragon and the beast.

Revelation 13:1-8 - *John saw a beast rise up out of the sea. The dragon gave him his power, seat, and great authority. The world wondered after the beast, worshipped the dragon, and worshipped the beast. This power spoke blasphemies against God, His name, His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. It made war with the saints and received power over all kindreds, tongues, and nations. All whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb worship him.*

7. The Final Contrast

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Revelation 14	Calls all people to fear God, give Him glory, receive the judgment-hour message, and worship the Creator.
Revelation 13	Shows a counterfeit worship system that leads the world to worship the dragon and the beast.
True Worship	Is based on the Creator, the commandments of God, the faith of Jesus, repentance, and truth.
False Worship	Is based on human authority, deception, blasphemy, coercion, and opposition to God's law.

Study Questions

1. According to Scripture, what does it practically mean to fear God?
2. How does Joshua 7 show that giving glory to God includes confession and putting away sin?

3. How can diet, lifestyle, speech, and daily conduct give glory to God?
4. Why is the judgment-hour message part of the everlasting gospel?
5. How does Revelation 4 define the reason God is worthy of worship?
6. What contrast exists between Revelation 13 and Revelation 14?
7. What changes must be made in your life to worship God in spirit and in truth?

Closing Appeal

The first angel's message is a present-truth call to reverence, obedience, repentance, judgment-hour readiness, and Creator-centered worship. God is not merely asking for religious language. He is calling for the whole life to be brought under the authority of Christ.

Settle it now: fear God, give Him glory, understand the hour of His judgment, and worship Him who made heaven, earth, the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, teach us what it means to fear You. Help us to give You glory by confessing sin, receiving Your cleansing, and living fully surrendered lives. Give us wisdom to understand the hour of Your judgment and boldness to stand in Christ. Restore true worship in our hearts, our homes, and our church. In Jesus' name, amen.