

## **Revelation 20:11-15**

### *Is Hell Fair?*

INTRO: “That’s not fair!” How can a loving God sentence someone to eternal hell?!?

#### 7 Key Statements about the Great White Throne Judgement of Revelation 20:11-15:

1) The ABSOLUTE NECESSITY of this Great and Final Judgement

(Revelation 20:7-15; John 3:19-20)

2) The PERFECT CHARACTER of this Great and Final Judgement

(Revelation 20:11; Hab. 1:13)

3) The COMPREHENSIVE SCOPE of the Great and Final Judgement

(Revelation 20:12-13; Heb. 9:27)

4) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Great and Final Judgement

(Revelation 20:12-13, 15; Ezk. 18; Rom. 1:18-3:20)

4 Practical Implications of this morning's sermon text (Rev. 20:12-13, 15):

1) **Stay Close to What the Text Actually Teaches:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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(1 Cor. 4:6; 2 Tim. 2:15)

2) **Take Heed:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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(Galatians 3:10-14)

3) **Fear Not** \_\_\_\_\_ :  
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(Col. 2:13-14)

4) **Give to our God** \_\_\_\_\_ :  
"Our sins they are many (believer), His mercy is more!"

(1 Tim. 1:12-17; Rom. 5:1; 8:1; 11:33-36)

# His Mercy is More *(The Believer's Response to Rev. 20:11-15)*

## **Matt Boswell and the Boyce College Choir**

### VERSE 1

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

### CHORUS

Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

### VERSE 2

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

### CHORUS

Praise the Lord  
His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (so much more)

### VERSE 3

What riches of kindness he lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more (so much more!)

### CHORUS

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**For Further Reflection/Application:** *We must be doers of the Word and not merely hearers*

When is the last time you heard someone say, “That’s not fair!” When’s the last time you had this thought: “I deserve better than this!” “Life’s not fair!” What were you complaining about?

If someone were to say that “it’s not fair for God to sentence someone to hell (except maybe Adolf Hitler)”, how would you defend the character and integrity of our Creator-Judge? Why is hell not only necessary, but also, totally fair/just?

If God only gave sinful humanity what we truly deserve, what would history look like?

What is *the legal basis* for God’s final pronouncement of judgement on all who don’t repent and believe? See Revelation 20:12-13, 15. How do James 2:10, Deut. 27:26, Ezk. 18:20-24, 32 and Romans 3:10-23 fit into this important discussion?

Ponder the practical and theological significance of the following statement from today’s sermon- “General Revelation (creation and conscience) condemns the sinner while special revelation (Jesus Christ and the Word of God) silences him.” (see Romans 1:18-3:20)

How does not emphasizing the final judgement rob God of His glory?

HINT→ “The preaching of divine wrath serves as a black velvet backdrop that causes the diamond of God’s mercy to shine brighter than ten thousand suns. It is upon the dark canvas of divine wrath that the splendor of His saving grace most fully radiates. Preaching the wrath of God most brilliantly showcases His gracious mercy toward sinners.” Dr. Steve Lawson.

Go over the 4 additional application points that were mentioned at the end of this morning’s sermon. Share with someone else which of two application points reasoned most with you and explain why?

How does the biblical doctrine of the Final Judgement Day move believers to the heights of praise (memorize the lyrics of *His Mercy Is More*)? Theology is life!

If you’re not a true Christian, what keeps you back from experiencing the grace and mercy of Christ in the work of salvation? If you want to talk more about salvation and the gospel all three of our pastors would love to speak with you. Call us as we’d love to sit down and talk with you.

**Related Praise Songs:** *Theology fuels Doxology! We dig deeply in order that we may go high!*

*His Mercy is More- Matt Boswell and Boyce College Choir*

*Jesus Paid It All*

*The Lord is a Warrior*

*The Power of the Cross*

**Related Biblical Texts:** *Search the Scriptures to see if these things be so.*

Deut. 27:26; Ezk. 18:20-24, 32; Habakkuk 1:13; Rom. 1:18-3:8d-20; 5:1; Gal. 3:10-14; Eph. 1-2; Col. 2:13-14; Hebrews 9:27; James 2:10; Revelation 20:7-15.

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