

**Learn** The Christology of Revelation in light of Judgment: The once, current, and future king...

## //Revelation 15

**Main Idea:** We are worshipping God for his justice. His goodness is the foundation of his justice. Therefore, we can trust him to judge according to his goodness and his holiness. We serve a good God and a just God, so we can surrender our experiences of injustice to him, surrender our desire to exact revenge, trusting he will work out righteousness in the end.

**What?** There will come a reckoning, a setting the worlds to rights—to be on the wrong side of the judgment you need to ignore all the little reckonings along the way—what will bring you to your knees so you can stand?

**So What?** If you see wrath as opposed to God's love instead of as a part of God's love you will never know the full love of God—holiness is ultimately our shot at happiness.

**Now What?** My will be done? Thy will be done.

### **Discuss...**

1. Where have you felt the pull of justice, the need for a reckoning? Have you ignored them? What can you do today to start making a reckoning to yourself, to others, and to God?
2. Where have you experienced God's justice in your life or in the world around you?
3. What are some areas of injustice that you struggle to see God's goodness and love? How can you begin to see, or trust, God's goodness and love even in these circumstances?
4. Are there areas of your life where you are holding onto bitterness, treating someone poorly because they hurt you, allowing thoughts of revenge, or acts of vengeance? How can you begin to bring those under God's perfect justice, trusting his judgement and action, not your own?
5. Do you need to confess any thoughts or actions where you have taken justice into your own hands?
6. What if God does not bring justice to your experiences in your life time? Do you trust him with judgement and justice eternally? Will you take a leap of faith, deciding to be patient and wait faithfully on the Lord's timing?

### **Pray...**

Take these discussion questions into your journal time. Spend time with God asking him to reveal your heart's struggles with justice, judgement, or your trust in him in these areas. Confess to him, and also to an accountability partner or friend, how you have taken his place as King. Surrender to him, his justice, his work of righteousness and his timing. Seek his forgiveness. Ask him to remind you that he is the one King and Judge. Ask him to remind you of his goodness and holiness. Try to spend five minutes each day this week reflecting on his unchanging goodness and eternal holiness, and offer him praise and thanksgiving for being a Good and Just King.