

Revelation 19:1-10 – The Lord God Omnipotent Reigns!

We have been studying through the book of **Revelation** pretty much verse-by-verse.

And now we find ourselves in chapter **19**.

We've seen in these last few chapters the last seven bowls of the judgment of God poured out upon the earth.

We've seen God dealing with religious Babylon.

We've seen God dealing with economic Babylon.

In chapter **17** we saw the destruction of the false religious system.

It's a global religious system that actually ushers in the worship of the beast and Satan.

In our last study we saw in chapter **18** the destruction of commercial Babylon.

It's a global economic & commercial system that is opposed to God & underwrites the rule of antichrist in the world.

And we saw how this world center of trade exalted itself against God by way of self-glorification and sensual living.

And we saw how the population of the world, as we look forward to these events that are yet future, that the world will be totally in love with all that economic Babylon could offer, all that economic Babylon represented.

And then we saw how swiftly destruction came upon her. It comes upon her in a day, in an hour.

And we saw how the world was wailing, lamenting, because they could no longer benefit from her commerce.

But while the Earth was mourning –

Heaven was rejoicing over the righteous judgment of God in destroying the commercial system of Babylon.

Now in this study we're going to look at chapter **19**. And we are once again brought into the heavenly scene.

But before we dive into that let's pray.

Father, thank you for the opportunity to study your Word. We thank you, Lord, for your Word. Thank you that you've given your Word to us, that you're the God who speaks, and that you want to speak to us about the way this world is going to wrap up, the way events are moving towards a very certain end, and that end is actually the beginning, and, Lord, how Jesus is at the center of everything that we're looking at. And, Father, I would ask that by your Holy Spirit you would flood our hearts with the light of your Word. I ask that by the power and the working of the Holy Spirit, that we would not only get into your Word, but your Word would get into us, that it would change the way we process our lives, that, Lord, we would have a new, a fresh, a deeper, a more life-changing understanding of the greatness of your love towards us. I pray for anyone that does not know you, that the Holy Spirit would shine into their heart the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus, and that they would believe with their heart on the Lord Jesus and be saved. And we ask this of you, Lord, knowing that I'm frail; I'm flawed; and I pray, Lord, that you would overlook every human inadequacy so that your Word would go forth in the demonstration of the Holy Spirit and of power, bringing glory to the name of Jesus. For it's in his wonderful name we pray, amen.

Well, this chapter in the book of **Revelation** marks a dramatic change in the tone of the book of **Revelation**.

The destruction of Babylon, the heartbeat of the beast's kingdom, brings us out to the end of the great tribulation.

And in chapter **19** the sobering scenes of God's awesome, God's mighty judgment on the earth give way in the heavenly scene to songs of rejoicing. And we see this radical contrast.

We're going –

from the darkness of events on planet Earth to the light of a scene before the very throne of God,

from black to white,

from the heavy things of judgment to the gladness and the rejoicing in the presence of God.

This chapter is the bridge between the great tribulation and the millennial rule of Jesus.

Chapter **19** is the bridge between the great tribulation and the kingdom rule of Jesus on this earth for 1,000 years.

This chapter ushers in the greatest event for this earth – the second coming of Jesus to the earth.

You see, it's at this point in time that the earth is preparing for the great battle of Armageddon. We saw in chapter **16** there are going to be these demonic spirits that are going to go into the earth; and they are going to gather the rulers of the world and their armies into the Middle East for one last global conflict together in a place called Armageddon.

As we are looking at the scene in heaven in chapter **19** that is what is going on, on planet Earth. So keep that picture in mind. The scene on planet Earth is the armies and rulers of the world are gathering together in the Middle East for this battle of Armageddon. But this is what is happening in Heaven while that's happening on Earth.

“¹ After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ² for” –

Would you circle that little word “for” in verse 2 in your Bible?
“for” – in other words – here’s the reason for the “Hallelujah!”.

“² **for** his judgments are true and just; for he has judged the great prostitute” –

Again, this is Babylon –
the world system under the rule of the antichrist that is utterly without God and utterly opposed to God.

“² **for he has judged the great prostitute who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.**”

“³ Once more they cried out, “Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.””

“⁴ And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!””

“⁵ And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.””

“⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.””

“¹ a great multitude in heaven, crying out, “Hallelujah! Salvation & glory & power belong to our God,”

The word “Hallelujah” – the Hebrew influences the Greek here –
There’s the word ‘Halal’, which means praise.

And there’s ‘Jah’ or ‘Yah’, which is a contraction of Yahweh or Jehovah.

Those words combined are “Hallelujah”; and they together mean – Praise the Lord.

“Hallelujah” means – Praise the Lord or Praise unto the Lord.

So if you’ve been singing or saying that word as a Christian; but you’ve never really known what it meant –

Now you do. You’ve been saying or singing “Praise the Lord” whenever you say or sing that word “Hallelujah”.

Now in the margin of your Bible would you write **Psalm 145-150**?

These are called *The Halal Psalms* or *The Psalms of Praise*.

Each of these Psalms begin with the word “Hallelujah” and end with the word “Hallelujah”.

And here’s what’s so awesome about *The Halal Psalms* –

Each of *The Halal Psalms* look forward to the return of Jesus and the reign of Jesus on the earth.

And so the word “Hallelujah” is so appropriate as Heaven understands that they are on the very brink of the return of Jesus to set up his kingdom on the earth. And when we think of that day, the day that Jesus will return and set up his righteous kingdom on the earth, think of the last 13 chapters that we’ve gone through. And in those 13 chapters we’ve been able to see the events that are going to take place upon the earth. And in **Matthew 24:21** Jesus said that it will be great tribulation, a period of trouble such as the world has never seen, nor will ever see again. And he said that if God hadn’t shortened those days there would be no flesh left alive on planet Earth.

But now after we’ve come through all of these events, the events of those 13 chapters –

And, by the way, when we broached chapter 6 –

I said we’d need to batten down the hatches because we were embarking onto a long dark heavy chunk of Scripture; I said that the next 13 chapters, beginning with chapter 6, were going to be the long account of the judgment of God upon a Christ-rejecting world.

But now after we’ve come through all the events of those chapters we hear declared –

“² his judgments are true and just”

The judgments of God that we have read and studied through those 13 chapters –
They've been heavy. They've been incessant. They've been intense –
The 7 scroll judgments – The 7 trumpet judgments – The 7 bowls of God's wrath – all poured out on the world.

Now when the unbelieving world hears about the judgment of God in those chapters they think,
'*What a cruel God!*
'*Why would you ever love and serve that God?*
'*How could you love and serve the God of those 13 chapters?*

The answer – because – **“his judgments are true and just”**

You see, the God of the Bible –
He is not whimsical.
He is not impetuous.
He doesn't one day just flip out and decide that he's going to fling wrath and judgment on mankind for seven years.

Please understand this – This is such an important thing to get your heart and head around –
Whenever God acts in judgment,
His judgments will be **“true and just”**;
Because he is **“true and just”**.

Let me repeat that –
Whenever God acts in judgment,
His judgments will be **“true and just”**;
Because he is **“true and just”**.

God always does from who he is.
God is holy – That is an overarching theme of the Bible.
Time and again the Bible refers to God as holy.

Christians, please know this – And anyone who does not know Jesus, and you're wondering – '*Why would I ever want to trust, serve, worship a God who pours out judgment that is beyond comprehension on planet Earth?*' –
When the Bible says God is holy – That is your greatest source of comfort and your great source of hope;
Because God, who is holy, will always be holy in everything he does. His holiness influences all of his action.

Now here is a very real problem for many sincere Christians. We have not yet seen the completion of God's judgment.
And because we've not yet seen the completion of God's judgment, it's easy for us to look at injustice in the world –
And, dear me, there is so much injustice to see – and whenever we see an injustice in the world –
It appears to us that God missed it. It appears to us that God got it wrong.
And it's easy for us to think, '*God, how can you be a perfect judge when the wicked are prospering?*'

Remember in **Psalm 73** the Psalmist had that problem. He says, "*I've got a problem. In fact, it's such a hard problem. It's so hard for me to get my head around it that I almost slipped and utterly fell. I look around me; and I see the wicked prospering. I feel as though I have committed my life to God in vain. I've kept my life clean. I've kept my life consecrated to the Lord for no reason because wicked people are doing great. And I am suffering.*" And then he says, **“until I went into the house of the Lord; and then I understood their end.”**

The remedy to the apparent problem is that we've not yet seen the end of the story.

Someone once said – *“The wheels of God's justice grind slowly; but they grind thoroughly.”*

God's judgment one day will be complete.

Everything that we think he missed – that person that got away with something in school – those of you in school in your classroom you know there's some guy in your class that just cheated his way through the class. You worked hard. You did everything you could in your power. And you didn't do as well in your final grade as that other person. And they never studied. They just cheated their way through. And they never got caught.

And you're thinking, '*That is just wrong.*' Yes, it is wrong.
But don't think it's wrong that God didn't catch it;
Because God saw it all. And one day he'll judge it all.
God's judgment is going to be complete.

And here in **Revelation 19** –

As Jesus is poised to return to the earth, heaven looks at the judgment of God that has been poured out.
And remember, we saw that in those 7 bowl judgments it was the utter completion of God's wrath.
Heaven looks at the judgment of God, and says - It's perfect. It's all true. It's all right. There is nothing wrong.
In the end God gets it all.

“⁶ Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.””

The **King James Version** reads – **“For the Lord God omnipotent reigns.”**

Just a thought here –

“⁶ I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.””

What is that going to be like?

Now, Christian, I hope that when you read a passage like this one that you're asking that kind of a question;
Because, Christian, you're going to be there. You'll be in that heavenly scene when this is happening.

The Bible says that when Jesus returns to the earth that we will come with him.
So we're going to be there at this moment, anticipating his return to the earth.
And it will be your voice; it will be my voice that will be part of that –

“great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty, the Lord God omnipotent reigns.”

What will that be like?

And as we are living –
between the already and the not yet,
between the cross and the resurrection of Jesus and being in that scene in Heaven –
we are living in between that – and it's hard for us to comprehend that –

But as we lift our voices in corporate worship it's like a dress rehearsal for **Revelation 19**.

Every time the redeemed gather to worship our Redeemer on this side of Heaven it's genuine & it's true in the now.
But it is also a primer; it's a warmup for being a part of the choir in **Revelation 19**.

Now let me ask you this –

Have you ever had a sense of what Heaven is going to be like when you've gathered with the people of God?
You're with the redeemed. And that's who is in this scene in **Revelation 19**.
And you're lifting your voices to express your adoration of Jesus.
You're telling Jesus how much you love him.
You're singing of his greatness and his kindness and his mercy.

Have you ever had a sense that this is what Heaven is going to be like?
I don't know if you ever have; but we should.

As the people of God here on Earth we should be about the things of Heaven, right?

When Jesus was kind of giving an outline for prayer he said that our prayers should say,
“**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**”

For all of our earthly limitations – and we have them for sure –

I'm glad I get to stand up here next to all this volume, and sing, because then you don't hear my voice.

But do you know what? I've been in places where the volume of people lifting their voices in legitimate adoration and praise to Jesus is so loud that your voice does get lost. And you're just a part of this thunderous thing that's happening.

For all of our earthly limitations, all of our flaws, all of our failures –

The earthly gathering of redeemed to worship Jesus should be like a micro sound byte of what's happening in heaven.

When Valerie and I were young Christians, we were still dating, living in Orange County. And there were some older influential Christians in our lives. Remember a couple weeks ago we were talking about the reality of influence on the life of worshippers. And we were looking at the life of Hezekiah, and Isaiah's influence in Hezekiah's life, and then Hezekiah's influence to a nation concerning worship. Valerie and I had some people in our lives that were really influential. They loved Jesus. They loved to worship Jesus. And some of these older believers took a few of us younger people one night aside. They said, “*You young people should go check out this gathering of young people that's taking place in Westminster.*” They said, “*We heard it's just amazing.*” So we piled into my Volkswagen van. We drove down there with some Christian friends. And it was really amazing! There was about 700 young adults crammed in. It was a summer night. They were crammed into a hot sweaty gymnasium at a Catholic grade school. I mean, it was packed. There was no air conditioning. There was just doors and windows opened. It was packed. And when they opened their mouths to worship it was like thunder.

And I say this not in a critical way. But I say it with longing.

I've never experienced anything like that ever since that.

And I can tell you – And I don't say this in a critical way – I say it with longing – I long to see it, not just for the experience, not just to hear voices that are like thunder. But here's what was behind the thunder of the voices. There was an absolute hunger for Jesus. Everybody in that building was hungry for Jesus. There was a palpable anticipation in every person in that room that they were going to meet with Jesus with this group of people.

And I say this speaking to myself, I say this to my own heart, my own life, I say this to our fellowship –

I long to see the passion, the sheer devotion, the absolute singleness of mind –

to meet with Jesus,

and to adore Jesus,

and to hear from Jesus.

It was as if every breath expelled in that room was really vertical in nature. And as your pastor I want to encourage you that when you think of being at church, that you don't view that time of worship in song as just the necessary time buffer until we hang out together, get a meal, and then study the Bible. I don't want you to ever think of it like that. When you think of being here I want you to think of your time at Metro as a microcosm of what's going to collectively take place when we all in glorified bodies stand in the presence of God, because –

That's our destination.

That's where we are going.

We should be longing for that.

We should be looking forward to that.

The things that we do – all that we do in this place – should bear some resemblance to this thing in **Revelation 19**. Because, you see, we were created for that; and we were redeemed for that.

As your pastor I want to encourage you – and I speak these words to myself – I want to encourage you to cast off the anchor of the status quo in 21st century church culture. There is just a status quo that mitigates against such worship, a status quo that substitutes production value for legitimate passion, as though more lights, more volume equals more passion. And everybody is more hyped because they're hyped by the lights and the volume. And then they get more passionate. Can we just cast that status quo off? It is a huge anchor. It's just a big giant anchor. I want to encourage you to cast off the anchor of the status quo of church culture where you can be stuck in the mire of being preoccupied with what others might be thinking about you if you actually came into this place with this palpable anticipation that this is a divine appointment for you to meet with Jesus.

They used to call the church room the sanctuary before it became a wrong term because it sounded too churchy. It was called the sanctuary. Well, what is a sanctuary? It's a place of refuge.

Anybody remember the original old black and white movie of 'The Hunchback of Notre Dame'? The Hunchback of Notre Dame fled into the Notre Dame Cathedral – and he claimed 'sanctuary'. It was his place, his refuge. He was untouchable in the cathedral.

This place should be a sanctuary. Back when we were in the Rockland Sunset Center it was the happening place to be on a Monday night. We didn't have a Sunday service. So there was nobody that was really called Metro Home. We just had this thing called Metro Calvary outreach that we were doing. It was an outreach from Calvary Chapel of Grass Valley. We were there in the Sunset Center. And it was the place people wanted to go because they heard it was happening. And after a period of time, well, there was something else that was happening – onward, out the door to the next happening thing.

I'm not talking about that happening.
I'm talking about the kind of thing –
that's in your heart, that's in my heart,
that's like we are going to gather as men and women who have been bought with the precious blood of Jesus.

And we get to talk to Jesus tonight.
And we're going to sing songs to Jesus tonight.
And we're going to love people that Jesus loves.
We're going to love people for Jesus tonight.
And Jesus is going to love on us through other people.
And then we're going to share a meal together, just like they did in the book of **Acts**.

They were –
so devoted to being taught the Word of God,
so devoted to spending time with one another,
so devoted to prayer,
so devoted to taking the bread and taking the cup.

Jesus exalted and Jesus enjoyed – If that's in our hearts coming into this place it's going to change what happens. I don't have a desired outcome other than Jesus exalted and Jesus enjoyed.
That's the agenda – Jesus exalted and Jesus enjoyed – here and now and one day in his very presence forever.

In verse **6** the word "**Hallelujah**" is the last of the Hallelujahs in the Bible.
There are only four Hallelujahs in the New Testament –
All of them are in the book of **Revelation**,
And all of them are in this chapter.

They're saying "**Hallelujah**" / "**Praise the Lord**". **For**" – And here's another reason why there was "**the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, 'Hallelujah / Praise the Lord. For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns.'**"

That's why those voices of that great multitude was thundering out the words,
"Hallelujah. For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns."

Let me give you a definition for **Omnipotent**. I'd like you to write this in the margin of your Bible there.
If your Bible says "**Almighty**" you can write "**Omnipotent**" because it can be translated rightly so "**Omnipotent**".
"**Omnipotent**" means – possessing complete unlimited universal power and authority.
Let me repeat that – possessing complete unlimited universal power and authority.
And here's a little addendum – having ultimate power and influence.

Christian,
The Lord our God is omnipotent.
The Lord our God possesses complete unlimited universal power and authority, ultimate power, ultimate influence.

And here is what is absolutely mind-blowing about that –

God, who is omnipotent,
God, who possesses complete unlimited universal power and authority, ultimate power, ultimate influence,
God gave his creation the freedom of choice.
God possesses complete unlimited universal power & authority, yet he never forced man to submit to his reign. Wow!

Have you ever met somebody with a little bit of power that just wants to rule you with it? Bureaucrats are like that. I remember one time at Calvary Chapel of Costa Mesa, they were building the high school and gym right where there used to be a bunch of the lawn there. And one of the city planning guys came and told our pastor that they needed to have a planter like every so many parking spaces. And my pastor said, "*Why? Why do we have to do that?*" And this guy from the city looked at him, and said, "*Because I want it. And I can make you.*" Wow! That's a little bit of power. I used to like driving diagonally through the parking lot. But now there are these planters every 2 parking places. Forget about it; you're not driving diagonally anywhere. Well, you can't cheat – I'll put it that way.

But here's God – omnipotent, possessing complete unlimited universal power and authority.
And he never forced man to submit to his reign.
You see, love without choice is meaningless.
And choice is of no value unless there is actually a choice to be made.

God made man and woman. And he says, "*I love you. I want you to love me freely. I want you to choose to love me.*"
Have you ever wondered why God told man that he could eat of any tree in the Garden of Eden except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil?
Well, God was giving man a choice. God was giving to man the choice to obey.
And without that choice there would be no free expression of love.
God, who is omnipotent, gave man that choice.
And man made his choice.
Man chose to not love God.

Now that is staggering; because up until **Genesis 3** man was living in a perfect world in perfect fellowship with the Lord his creator. And when given the choice, man chose to not love God. And he exercised that choice when he chose to disobey God. And when man made the choice to disobey God man became alienated from God. God told Adam, "*In the day that you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you will surely die.*" Well, he didn't die instantly biologically. But he instantly died spiritually. That's what spiritual death is. It's alienation from God who is life. Man was enjoying perfect fellowship with his creator up to the moment he chose to disobey God. And God called out to Adam – you remember the question – "*Where are you?*" Now God knew where Adam was. God didn't come into the garden as the arresting officer, saying, "*Where are you? Come out with your hands up!*" God came like a broken-hearted father. The question, "*Where are you?*" was like saying, "*What have you done? Look at where you are now, Adam. We used to be walking together. Now you're hiding from me. Where are you? What have you done?*"

This is huge – With that choice –

Man moved –

from the government of God, whose government is characterized by life and light,
into the government of Satan, whose government is characterized by death and darkness.

Man chose a new authority to follow.
It was not just disobedience to God.
It was obedience to Satan.

And upon making that choice we are told that,

“By one man sin entered the world, and death by sin, so that death passed unto all men, for all have sinned.”

The proof that spiritual death from God has been passed onto every man and woman is that all of us have sinned.

Yet **this is what’s mind-blowing** – the omnipotent God of the universe was so gracious. **This is so amazing.**

God never exercised all of his divine power in forcing man to love him.

But God did exercise all of his divine power in saving man who chose not to love him.

I don’t know if you’ve ever noticed this;

But when the Bible speaks of God at work in creation it uses anthropomorphic terms like hands and fingers.

Psalm 8: “³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers...”

But when it comes to God saving work it says in –

Isaiah 53: “¹ to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?”

The omnipotent God of Heaven rolled up his sleeves to save us.

We were so absolutely lost that it takes his omnipotence to save us.

And God provided another tree by which man may enter into the government of God once more – the cross of Jesus.

Don’t miss this –

Even as man had to exercise his freedom of choice to leave the kingdom of God;

Man has to exercise his freedom of choice to re-enter the kingdom of God.

The Bible says, **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever will believe in him will not perish but will have eternal life.”**

It is so amazing –

The omnipotent God would not exercise his power to compel man to love him in the beginning.

Man refuses to love God, chooses to rebel against God.

Then God exercises his omnipotence to save us and make a way for rebels (you & me) – to be reconciled to him.

And here’s the deal – amazingly –

Even with the door open for man to be restored to a place within the kingdom of God;

Man still chooses to reject God’s gracious offer of salvation.

Rather than submit himself to the all-powerful God who loves man so much that he would come and give his life for man who had sinned against him –

And please don’t miss this –

Jesus is the omnipotent God who became man and exercised his omnipotence to conquer sin and death. Jesus said,

“No man can take my life from me. I have the power to lay it down. And I have the power to raise it up again.”

Jesus is the omnipotent God of the universe who created the universe.

You need to write **Colossians 1:16, 17** in the margin of your Bible there next to verse 6. We're told there –
“¹⁶ **by him all things were created,**
¹⁷ **and in him all things hold together.**”

That means that Jesus holds together the atomic structure of the universe.
How powerful is Jesus? He holds together the atomic structure of the universe.
That means that Jesus held together the very atoms that comprise the nails that they drove through his hands & feet.
The Lord God omnipotent becomes man so that he can save those who chose not to love him.
And in his omnipotence he holds together the atoms that comprise the nails that were driven thru his hands & feet.
Jesus held together the spit that they hurled at his face.
Jesus held together the muscles, the bones, the nerves – and think of the electronic impulses, the synapses –
He held all of that together in the very limbs that were used to punch him in the face and beat him so badly that,
according to **Isaiah**, he was no longer recognizable as a man. Jesus held it all together.

Christian and non-Christian –

Jesus exercised all of his omnipotence, not to save himself, but to save you.
And yet, even though God has exercised his omnipotent power to save us –
Man has chosen to serve Satan and sin.
Man has chosen to live in darkness rather than light.

You would think that at a point – for me it was at the age of 22 –
You would think that at some point everyone would finally just say, “*Satan and sin are cruel taskmasters.*”

And really the reason so many find themselves loving Jesus and serving Jesus is because –

There came a point in time in your life when you said,
“*My idols aren't serving me. I'm serving them. I'm in bondage. I'm a prisoner of my sin. I'm a prisoner of my idols. Who can save me?*”

And then God, who commanded the light to shine in the darkness, shined into your heart the light of the knowledge of the glory of the omnipotent God in the face of Jesus. In Jesus we see the love of God for us that is infinitely strong – strong to save, strong to set us free. When we sing, “Our God is mighty to save” – He is omnipotent to save.

Maybe you're one of those who know that sin is a cruel taskmaster.
And maybe you've gone to church your whole life.
But merely going to church will never set you free from the power and penalty of sin.
Maybe you've never gone to church; but you know that your idols have failed to save you.
And now you're wondering, “*Who will save me from them?*”
To that person, to those persons, I pray that you will say, “*Enough is enough – enough darkness, enough bondage.*”

But I want you to think about this –

In **John's** Gospel Jesus said that there are those who love the darkness and hate the light. And yet –
God has been longsuffering with those who have set themselves up as willing rebels in his universe.
God has been longsuffering with the world that crucified his only begotten Son.
The Bible tells us that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

SO MUCH GRACE!
SO MUCH MERCY!

And that is why all of Heaven can say that “**his judgments are true and just**”.

In **Revelation 19** God is about to once and for all do away with the kingdom of darkness and death.
Very shortly in our study of this book we are about to see the universe once again brought under one rule.
And that is what the rejoicing of Heaven is all about.

God is omnipotent. If you want you can write that word – and hyphenate it – omni-potent. Satan is potent. But he has his limitations. You and I left to ourselves we are no match for him. Only God is omni-potent.

And in this concept, in this declaration, **“The Lord our God Omnipotent reigns”** – There is another really big application for us. Let me ask you this, Christian – Do you believe that God is omni-potent? Do you believe that?

It says in **Psalm 53**: **“¹ The fool has said in his heart that there is no God.”**

I don't want to assume anything, but I believe that most of us would say, *“Of course I believe in God. I'm no fool. Only the fool would say that.”* But **Psalm 53** is not talking about intellectual belief.

“¹ The fool has said” – where? – **“in his heart that there is no God.”**

Real faith is not merely a matter of intellectual agreement.
The Bible says that we are to believe with our heart on the Lord Jesus Christ.
Real faith bows the will.
Real faith obeys.
Real faith lives as though God is and that God is omnipotent.

When I says this I'm not saying this about Christians to the exclusion of me;
But it needs to be said; and it needs to be said of me –
There are a lot of professing Christians who at times in their life are practical atheists.
They believe with their head all the things that the Bible says about God.
They believe with their head that God is omnipotent.

But let me ask a question of everyone who professes to be a Christian. And I can tell you that the guys in our leadership team understand the things that I've had to run around with while I was studying, because I've shared with them openly some of the things that I've been going through the last couple of weeks, most of the month.

Let me ask you a question –

Do you ever find yourself complaining about your circumstances?
Do you ever find yourself saying, *“That's not fair.”*
That is practical atheism.

You might say,
“Oh yes, I believe that God is good.” Really? Why are you complaining?
“Oh yes, I believe that God is true and just in all of his dealings with me.” Really? Why are you murmuring?

Murmuring is dissatisfaction with God's sovereign will for our lives.

I went through this insanity in the month of June with our mortgage company – absolute insanity. I was trying to force my money at them. And there was something wrong with the way that their website was processing my supposed payment. And it just wasn't going through. And there was just this lunacy that was going on. And I'd be talking to them. And there were times, man, when I was just nuts. And so finally I just said, *“Forget it. I'm going to go to my bank. And I'm going to have my bank wire you the money. Because I don't want to have a ding in my credit. I've been trying for fifteen days to give you my money. You don't seem to want it so badly. So I'm going to get it to you whether you want it or not.”* I get that money wired to them. Two transactions later they finally take my money. So I made two mortgage payments in one month. That might be easy for some of you. It doesn't work for me. And if I thought I was crazy before that happened, I was really crazy when that happened. And Valerie was looking at me at this one point. And I said, *“Can't I just for a moment expect something to work right?”* She says, *“It's okay, God's in charge.”* Every wife is probably thinking, *“Why does it seem like I've heard all of that before?”*

Murmuring is dissatisfaction with God's sovereign will in our own life.

Murmuring can also be dissatisfaction with God's sovereign will for someone else's life.

We see it in the Bible in the life of a man named Korah and 250 other people in the camp of the Israelites after they had been delivered from Egypt. Korah and his buddies didn't like the fact that God had said that Moses was to do certain things; and Aaron and his sons were to do certain things; and Korah and his buddies were to do different things than those two men. They didn't like the fact that they didn't get to do what Moses was doing. They didn't like the fact that they didn't get to do what Aaron was doing. But God had been very clear in the book of **Numbers**. God says – These men are going to do this. These men are going to do this thing. These men over here are going to do this other thing. Korah picked a fight with Moses. But in reality he was picking a fight with God. He could not say, "You're the Lord God Omnipotent. I just watched you be omnipotent. You delivered us from Egypt." With an outstretched arm God saved them out of bondage and death. But when it came to God's will for Moses, Korah didn't want to buy God being in charge.

I wonder how many of us are unhappy about what God is doing with someone else.

That was a wise moment of silence on my behalf – I'll let you know that.

I won't let you know what was running around in my head – But it's just good that it didn't get out.

Many of us are unhappy with what God is giving someone else.

I wonder how many of us say that we believe everything this book has to say about God.

But then we look at the events and the affairs and the circumstances of our lives.

And in our hearts – not in our heads – in our hearts we think, we act & we live as though –

God really is not omnipotent; He really is not in control. Either the Lord our God is omnipotent or he isn't.

It doesn't say that the Lord our God is mostly potent. It says he's omnipotent.

I don't know about you, but that rocks my world.

That gets me at the very core of the way I have been acting and thinking in so many ways.

If you've never given your life to Jesus – the Lord God Omnipotent will never force you to love him.

But let me ask you this –

How can you not love the one who did everything in his power to save you when you were choosing to not love him?

Let's bow our heads and our hearts before the Lord in a word of prayer.

Father, I want to say thank you for every man and woman with us. I thank you, Lord, that by your grace we found our way here. And, Lord, I want to pray for that man, that woman, young or old, who with their choices they've been choosing to live for themselves, to live without you, to organize their lives without you, to give you a little bit here, maybe, a little bit there, or maybe none at all, living for created things rather than living for the Creator. And now they've heard that you possess absolute universal power and authority; and you've never forced them to love you; and yet you exercised your omnipotence to save them. I pray, Lord, that they would say, "Jesus, I want to love you with my life. I want to bow my knee, my heart, my life to you. I surrender to your great love."