

**“HEAVENLY PREACHERS”
(Or “Earth’s Final Sermon”)**

Revelation 14:6-13

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INTRODUCTION

Unfortunately there are many people who are dissatisfied with their preachers.

But in our text for this evening, we see some preachers who give messages straight from heaven!

- Therefore, **the truth** of the message is without question.
- The importance of the message is obvious.
- The urgency of the message is clear.

LET US HEAR AND RESPOND TO THESE MESSAGES.

I. MESSAGE TO A HEATHEN WORLD (VV. 6-7)

- A. Preacher?
- B. Recipients:
- C. Message
 - 1. Name—“Eternal Gospel”
 - 2. Contents (7)
 - Fear God and give him glory.
 - Judgment is at hand.
 - Worship the true Creator.

II. MESSAGE CONCERNING A CORRUPT CITY (8)

- A. Her Doom

- B. Her Name

- C. Her influence

- D. Her corruption (cf. Jer. 51:7)—her political, commercial, and religious influence, cf. 17-18.

III. MESSAGE TO UNBELIEVERS AND APOSTATES (9-11)

- cf. the threat of the False Prophet (13:15-17)
- God’s threat is worse.
- A. The Wrath of God – cf. Jeremiah 25:15-18
 - 1. Words for “wrath”
 - 2. “Mixed... Unmixed”
- B. Torment in the Lake of fire
 - 1. Fire and Brimstone
 - 2. The presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb

3. Eternal
4. Continuous
5. Conscious

IV. MESSAGE TO THE SAINTS (12-13)

- Their reason for perseverance is not merely that the enemies get their due.
 - It is also the fear and the consequences of apostasy.
 - Such is worse than suffering as a Christian.
- A. Their character
1. They keep God's commandments.
 2. They keep Jesus' faith (or faith in Jesus).
- B. Their Fate – here we have the second of seven Beatitudes in Revelation
1. Happy in their death
 2. Harmony with the Lord
 3. Rest
 4. Reward-- their works follow them
 - This is not meritorious salvation.
 - It speaks of results and remembrance by God.
 - It includes endurance, obedience, and faith (v. 12).

CONCLUSION

John gives believers a negative reason to persevere in vv. 9-11, 12 (cf. Romans 5:3; James 1:3).
He also gives believers a positive reason to persevere –v. 13.

How happy it will be to be at home in heaven!

How sad it will be to be tormented in hell!