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Scripture: Revelation 19:14-16

TITLE: What Will We Do in Eternity?

What will we do in the new heaven and earth? This is one of the common questions I get asked as a pastor. I remember one person asked, “Will we really just lay around on clouds and strum harps? That sounds kind of boring.” To be honest, I agree!

The Bible provides the answer to our role and activities in our eternal future. Today’s answer is found in Revelation 19. The answer excites me. I hope it does you too. Revelation 19:14-16 (CSB).

The armies that were in heaven followed him on white horses, wearing pure white linen. A sharp word came from his mouth so that he might strike the nations with it. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty. And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

The Apostle John has seen heaven open up, and out comes Jesus riding on the white horse. He has come to bring judgment and war. But he’s not alone. In verse 14, it says that armies from heaven followed Him.

Who are these armies? There are four divisions of these glorified troops. We can identify them by their fine linen, white and clean. Earlier in chapter 19, the bride of the Lamb was pictured. This is the church. There are also the tribulation believers in chapter 7. Also following Jesus are the Old Testament saints from Daniel 12:1-2. Last are the holy angels who come with Christ in Matthew 25:31. These troops are unarmed because it is Christ who will fight and win the battle.

It says that Jesus will strike down the nations with the sword from His mouth. Is this a literal sword? No. It’s a picture of the power of the Word of God. Think about it. God spoke the universe into existence. Christ spoke of life, hope, and comfort. Now, Christ speaks judgment and death. No unsaved person can hide or escape this deadly word.

This swift move ushers in Christ’s Kingdom. The millennium, which we will talk about next week, will bring about a very special role for the believers. It says that Jesus will rule the nations with an iron rod. Jesus will judge all sin, and all people will conform to God’s law. This rulership will be shared with believers.

Revelation 2:26-27 says, “The one who conquers and who keeps my works to the end: I will give him authority over the nations—and he will rule them with an iron scepter; he will shatter them like pottery.” We will rule with Christ forever.

Through ruling, we will still be subject to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. There is no better place to be. Christ is coming back to judge and rule. Are you ready? If so, then it's time to live like it.

So here's my challenge for you today: begin to submit your life to Christ. No matter what you do or who you are, you are still a slave to Christ. This can be tough, but there is no greater place than to be under the care and direction of the King.

So begin to give more control and trust over to Jesus. He cares for you and will lead you to the abundant life. Jesus Christ is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I will follow Him. Will you?