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SERIES: Rev'd Up

SERMON: The Great Inspector

MAIN SCRIPTURE: Revelation 11:14-19 (NASB)

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE: Revelation 20:11-15; Romans 2:5-6; Romans 3:24-26)
2 Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 10:41-42; Colossians 3:5-6; Matthew 6:9-13)

MESSAGE TAKEAWAY: God's mercy is shown through God's justice.

SUPPORTING THOUGHTS:

- God doesn't set aside His justice to make room for mercy.
- Christ's return won't happen until these last judgments occur.
- The 7th trumpet introduces and includes the 7 bowl judgments of the wrath of God that we'll see in Revelation 16.
- Christ's final triumph over the world does not occur until His return in Revelation 19.
- Verse 18: Two different judgments: one is the judgment for unbelievers. The other is a reward for believers.
- The Great White Throne Judgment: Christ's final judgment of the wicked/unbelievers who will then be cast into the Lake of Fire (Hell). (Revelation 20:11-15; Romans 2:5-6)
- The Judgment Seat of Christ: Believers will give an account to Jesus of what we've done *after* salvation, both good and bad. (2 Corinthians 5:10; Matt 10:41-42).
- Jesus will inspect our works. Jesus is the Great Inspector.
- Reminder: The "Big Four" of Revelation: 1) Christ will return; 2) God will triumph over evil; 3) We will be rewarded for our faith; and 4) Jesus wins.
- The heavenly temple represents unbroken fellowship with God for all those who have put their faith in Christ.
- Ark of the covenant: Symbolizes God's presence, mercy, justice and judgment.
- Heaven is the source of mercy. Heaven is the source of justice. Justice requires judgment.
- Jesus is the Great Inspector who will examine our works. With that, what's the purpose of church?
 - Worship Jesus
 - Encourage, Equip and Empower us to serve Christ
 - Be disciples, make disciples



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(SUPPORTING THOUGHTS CONTINUED)

- How do we do that at New Life Fellowship?
- Methodology: Simplicity

CHALLENGE: Be part of what we do here.

Inside the Walls/Outside the Walls

<p>Inside the walls:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday Worship, Bible Studies, Nursery, Kids, Youth Ministries• Hospitality team/greeting team• Worship/tech ministries• Mid-week Bible Studies• Special Events (Movie Night)• Women’s Ministry (inside, outside walls)• (Future) Men’s Ministry• (Future) Weekly Prayer Meeting• Attendance/serving	<p>Outside the walls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lighthouse Mission (multiple serving opportunities)• New Way Ministries (Transitional housing program for women with children, expectant mothers)• Engedi Refuge (serving women who have survived sexual exploitation/sex trafficking)• Bridges of Hope (mentoring men)• Small Group Ministries• Meal Train Ministries• Reflecting Jesus in your personal, professional life
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Question to ponder in Communion: *Lord, if You were to inspect me right now, what would You find lacking? What would you find that’s worthy of reward? What’s my next step?*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Justice is about dispensing deserved punishment for wrongdoings. Mercy is about pardoning the offender while showing compassion. Does God set aside His justice to show mercy?
- How is God’s mercy shown through God’s justice? Discuss with your group how Jesus’ death on the cross showcased justice?
- In the Lord’s prayer, Jesus taught us to pray, “Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” How does today’s teaching reflect Jesus’ words? (Matthew 6:9-13)
- At the Judgment Seat of Christ, Jesus will inspect our works and examine how faithful we were, how we used our time, money, talents and spiritual gifts, how we furthered His kingdom on earth. Be honest with yourself – if Christ were to “inspect” you right now, what would be your strengths? What would be your weaknesses?
- How can you build into your strengths? How can you improve in your weaknesses.

Sources: **Jim Dennison** (The Dennison Forum, excellent resource for thinking biblically in tough times); **Jason Dexter** (Study and Obey on-line Bible Study, Revelation, with excellent discussion questions and commentary); **Eliyahu Lizorkin-Eyzenberg**, Israel Bible Center (multiple books and commentaries); **Gotquestions.org**; **Gary Hamrick** (Cornerstone Chapel, Revelation Series); **Michael Heiser** (Naked Bible Podcast; *Unseen Realm* and multiple books); **Life Application Study Bible** Commentary, Revelation; **John MacArthur** (multiple books, sermons, study bible; Grace to You Ministries); **Chuck Swindoll** (New Testament Commentary – Revelation); **Through the Word Bible App**; **YouVersion Bible App**.