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EP129 Revelation 15 verses 2-4

In our last podcast, we discussed the beating that is coming to those who do not honor the Son. This beating is the Great Wrath of God which will be poured out upon the whole world. However, to save us from that time of wrath, God brings into our lives the fire of His judgment. This is a now event, and not something reserved for the End Times. The fire is the means or the vehicle by which God saves us and protects us from the grasp of the Beast and the clutches of the woman who rides the Beast.

Those who are victorious have been standing in this fire, willing to let God burn off from their lives anything that does not want Him to reign as their I AM.

Let's pick back up with that great and marvelous scene of those standing before the throne of God.

Strapped with Guitars of Worship

Revelation 15:2

"... and those who are **now** being victorious over the Beast and his image and the number of his name, have been standing on the sea of glass, **now** holding lyres {harps} of God."

With "holding" being rendered in the present active participle we know that this speaks of an experience that is happening now and is ONGOING. Once again, this is NOT something reserved for the future. This is NOT an End Times event.

We saw this same image before with the 24-Elders who are before the throne, each one now holding a lyre. 1 By the way, a lyre is like a guitar of sorts. In this context, it is an instrument of worship and praise. More on that in a moment.

Implications

This passage is intended to renovate our minds, to transform them, in the here and now, that we might

¹ Revelation 5:8

choose to see and understand everything in our lives from a heavenly perspective.

With that said, there are some amazing revelations which come from this passage. Again, it speaks **NOT** about what will be, but about what has been done and what **now** is.

The Fire of Mercy

In the book of *Romans*, the Spirit stated that because of our religious hypocrisy, we store up wrath for ourselves in the day of wrath.² And that is why the *fire* is necessary. It is what enables us to now be victorious over the Beast and his image and the number of his name.

In short, through the means of fire, God is saving us from the Beast, saving us from the wrath of God, saving us from the woman who rides the Beast, and saving us from our own religious delusion.

The fire is the impetus to our now overcoming, as this fire is intended to burn off everything in our being that would otherwise burn with desire for the Beast and religious apostasy (that woman who rides the Beast). Keep in mind, her concoction of drink is intoxicating and very hard to resist.

This demands a perspective shift.

For too much of our lives, we have groaned and complained about being salted with fire - all the difficulty God takes us through, all the ordeal, the suffering, the humiliation, the failure, the sin, the drudgery of life, the loneliness, the pain, the sacrifice, and so on. Because of the difficulty, the strain, the pain, the embarrassment, and the humiliation, and so on, many of us choose, though not always belligerently, to avoid the fire at all costs.

We are also not convinced that it is entirely necessary. We love God, we serve God, we honor God, or at least we do our best at it. Then give it some time, or a lot of time, and eventually we feel like we would run God over with our car if we saw Him standing in the middle of the road.

When the Spirit tells us to rejoice in our trials, we can read the words, but rarely do we emotionally connect with its significance. We just wish God would make things in our lives all better already, and to give us a break from all the suffering. As a result, we tend not to grasp why we should strap on our guitars (our lyres) and worship God thanking Him for our intense suffering.

The fire is the very reason we are having victory over the Beast; the fire is necessary! The fire is how we abstain from falling into religious apostasy, unlike those at the church of Ephesus and Sardis.

1 Peter 1:6-9

In this you now choose to greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if they now be, now being **necessary**, you have been caused to being distressed by various trials, so that the trial of your faith, more precious than gold which is now choosing to be perishing, even though now caused to being tested by fire, may be caused to be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not been seeing Him, you now love Him, and though you are not now seeing Him now, but are now believing in Him, you now choose to greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and caused to being full of glory, now choosing to be receiving as the outcome of your

² See **Romans 2:1-8**

faith salvation of your souls.

Fire is a gift of mercy from the Lord. We tend to process it as punishment or some harsh and negative form of judgment for our not doing things right (just like Job's friends did). But that is such a lie from the bowels of hell.

Truth be told, the *fire* is protective. Being salted with *fire* is kind, it is compassionate, it is measured, it is personal (it occurs before the throne of God), and it is loving. The fire is literally saving our lives. And since the "something like a sea" is still, without a single ripple, we can be sure, with 100% confidence, that the *fire* is safe.

We have learned of the dire and eternal consequences of worshipping the Beast and his image, listening to his voice as he speaks from the Sanctuary of God on earth (from the midst of Christianity), and the terror that ensues when one takes upon themselves the number of his name (666).

But we tend to forget that the pathway to the Beast comes through the apostasy of Cain, Balaam, and Korah, the lusts of the flesh (all our religious desires to be good like God), the lust of the eyes (our desire for what this world can offer to us, especially riches, fame, and relationship), and the boastful pride of life (our desire to be in control, exercising power and authority over our lives and the lives of others, even taking people captive).3

The apostasies of Cain, Balaam, and Korah are the reasons we have made such a big deal about the fictions which come from our modern End Times narratives, especially the pre-tribulation rapture fable.

For the most part, Christians are unaware of these apostasies, after all they said the "prayer." They are unaware of how easy it is to be consumed by these apostasies. Everyone is so busy doing for God and refusing to repent of the works of their hands and all their idolatry, that they have been blinded to the truth.

It is tragic, but most Christians are not even aware that all this activity with the Beast and its Image, and the woman who rides the Beast, is all happening now. People are being marked now. People are apostatizing now. People are listening to the voice of the Image now. But that is not what they have been taught, and therefore it is not what they believe.

Beyond thinking they are impervious to the ways of the Beast because they said the sinner's prayer and accepted Christ, most Christians do not even think these matters and events are applicable to their day-and-age, but only applicable to those poor sods who must suffer through the tribulation (you know, those "tribulation saints").

Therefore, in His mercy, Yahweh salts us with fire. This is the reason why this scene is declared to be "great and marvelous." Sandwiched in between passages about the Great Wrath of God, is this "great and marvelous" picture of God's grace.

Those who "have been standing" are now victorious because God graciously and mercifully provides the means to remove, or burn off, everything in our lives that is susceptible to the Beast, everything in us that does not want Yahweh to reign over our lives as our I AM. But as always, we have to be willing; we

³ See Jude 11; 1 John 2:16

cannot run from the fire, we must stand in the fire.

If you are one who is now victorious, it is because you have been standing in the midst of God's purifying fire. However, not everyone who is salted will let the fire complete its work. The Spirit said that the fire "may result in our praise and glory and honor." With the use of the subjunctive "may" and not the indicative "will," we know that not everyone who is salted will let it produce within them praise and glory and honor. In fact, many flee the fire wanting to escape its pain, humiliation, shame, and so on. Whereas others, when the fire comes, they amp up their service for God and ministry efforts, believing that through these works of their hands, they will find safety.

The Perspective Shift

Understanding the purpose and the intention associated with the fire, we can invite the Spirit of God to renovate our minds and bring to us a permanent perspective shift away from fear of the fire to that of praise and thankfulness for the fire.

We can pick up our proverbial guitars (our lyres) and rejoice even though now for a little while, "if now being necessary," we have been caused to be distressed by various trials. Yes, we are to rejoice in the Lord and again I say rejoice because if we are willing, He will save us from the Beast and from the day of wrath.

This scene of God's people before His throne on this something like a sea of glass is a beautiful picture of being continually in the presence of God as He carefully and meticulously removes away from our lives anything that might cause us to find our identity though religion, in the things of this world, or in the passions of the Beast. This is a "great and marvelous" picture of God's beautiful mercy. How is that for a perspective shift?

Therefore, it is helpful if we choose to accept the fire and learn to be still and rest while it does its work of purification and protection. As the Spirit instructed us in the book of *Proverbs*: "My child, do not reject Yahweh's discipline, and don't be upset when He corrects you. For Yahweh corrects those He loves just as a father corrects a child in whom he delights." Then He continues, "Joyful is the person who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding ... nothing you desire can compare with her."4

The Spirit seems to indicate that this unsurpassable gift of wisdom comes via the fire (Yahweh's correction), which is why this scene of those who have been standing before the throne of God now enduring the fire is such a great and marvelous sign in heaven. They are before Yahweh receiving His wisdom.

In contrast, as with ancient Israel, many Christians will refuse this wisdom. Many Christians run from the *fire* and refuse to let the *fire* complete its work.

Isaiah 30:15-18

For thus Yahweh God, the Holy One of Israel, has said, in repentance and rest you will be saved, in quietness and trust is your strength. But you were not willing, and you said, "No, for we will flee on horses,"

⁴ Proverbs 3:11, 12, 15

Therefore, you shall flee!

"And we will ride on swift horses,"

Therefore, those who pursue you shall be swift. One thousand will flee at the threat of one man; you will flee at the threat of five, until you are left as a flag on a mountain top and as a signal on a hill.

Therefore, Yahweh longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion on you. For **Yahweh** is a God of justice; how blessed are all those who long for Him.

Perspective Shifted

For believers who are **now** victorious, **now** overcoming, this perspective shift has happened. They now understand the beauty of His fire of mercy. Guitars (or lyres) in hand, they now worship.

Revelation 15:3-4

And they now sing the song of Moses, the bondservant of God, and the song of the Lamb, now saying,

"Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord the God, the God, the Almighty, the **Almighty**; righteous and true are Your ways, the King, **the King** of the nations!

Who will not be caused to fear, O Lord, and in the future glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; for all the nations will in the future come and in the future worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been caused to be revealed."

True believers, the bondservants of God, those who are now overcoming, come to understand the truth about suffering, about affliction, trials, tribulation, persecution, and about their failures and sin. And they are even now saying some amazing words of truth revealed to them by the Holy Spirit.⁵

Once again, words that are highly emphasized, indicated with **bold**, <u>underlined</u>, and *italicized* features, are a textual way of capturing the vocative case of the verb. It's a bit like shouting. When the vocative case is used, it adds a heightened emotional aspect to the word. And the words that are repeated in this song, almost like a background vocalist singing an echo, is because the verb is parsed, and has two renderings, one of which utilizes the *vocative* case.

The Song of Moses?

It is baffling why this song is called the "song of Moses." Perhaps Moses previously scripted this song, and it was never recorded. Then again, maybe Moses and Jesus (the Lamb) wrote it together sometime after Moses was brought into the heavenly realm, because the only song remotely close to it in the Codex comes from *Deuteronomy 32:3-4*, where Moses wrote:

⁵ "saying" is rendered in the *present active participle*

"I will proclaim the name of **Yahweh**; how glorious is our God! He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect. Everything he does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright he is!"6

The Song of the Lamb?

Moses identified himself as a bondservant of God, as one who lived to do what His Master instructed him to do, when his Master wanted Him to do it. Moses followed both the "what" and the "when" of Yahweh. Jesus also did only what His Father told Him to do when His father told Him to do it. The Lamb, like Moses before Him, followed both the "what" and the "when."

Perhaps this is the reason it is called the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb.

The What and the When

In His humanity, as a bondservant of God, Jesus had to learn to accept the purposes of all the suffering which the Father appointed for His life. And clearly, this is the perspective that any true bondservant of God must adopt. That is the two-fold message of this passage. We must live like bondservants who are, by definition, maniacal about the "what" and the "when" of Yahweh.

This understanding of the "what and the "when" will help forge our perspective shift, so we too will join in this chorus and now be saying:

"Great and marvelous are Your works, O Lord the God, the God, the Almighty, the **Almighty**; righteous and true are Your ways, the King, **the King** of the nations!

Who will not be caused to fear, O Lord, and in the future glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; for all the nations will in the **future** come and in the **future** worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been caused to be revealed."

Keep in mind that the context to this song is what results from the fire of mercy. What God has brought into our lives is nothing short of phenomenal – it is "great and marvelous."

Whether it is the wounds which we experienced as children from those who should have loved us, the wounds we have experienced as adults from those who should have loved us, or the wounds from every other source, they have been purposed to keep us from following the Beast, to strip us of all our religious delusion, and to keep us dependent upon Yahweh. Our brokenness has been a very odd but purposeful gift.

And when we grasp the terror of the pounding that is coming with these seven vials containing the seven plagues, as God releases His torrent of anger, we will know that our pain and our suffering has been totally worth it. Every bit of it was "great and marvelous" and is now the very reason we can rejoice.

⁶ Deuteronomy 32:3-4

WE DO NOT BELONG TO THE BEAST. HE WILL HAVE NO VICTORY OVER US. FOR BY HIS (YAHWEH'S) WOUNDS - THE WOUNDS WHICH HE INFLICTED UPON US, WE ARE HEALED!7

Victims No Longer

The phrase, "O Lord the God, the God, the Almighty," makes it clear that the responsibility for all our wounding, all our welts, was not the devil, the demons, the government, global warming, or all the bad people in our lives who failed and betrayed us, it was Yahweh expressing His love toward us. The devil, the demons, the government, and all the bad people in our lives, were just the tools that God used, the instruments (much like the angels who are holding the 7 plagues). But make no mistake it was all God, from beginning to end.

Do NOT be deceived. God did not just "allow" our wounds, but He caused them. They were and are His wounds, His scourging. Why? Because all of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way.8 Thus, His wounds have been and are necessary; it is how He saves our lives. As the Spirit says, "But by means of their suffering, He rescues those who suffer, for He gets their attention through adversity."9

God caused our wounds. They were His works (His deeds), which were and are experienced as OUR WOUNDS! He is and was the source of them all. By His wounds, by His scourging, we receive our healing.

- He is the Lord (Adonai), sovereign over every detail of our lives as all things are from Him, by Him, and to Him (or for His great and marvelous purposes). 10
- He is **God**, the who is above all, the Creator of all, and the one who is all knowing, all present, and all powerful, to whom all the angels and demons submit.
- He is the *Almighty*, no one can thwart His will for our lives, for no one is big enough, strong enough, smart enough, powerful enough, or in any way enough to challenge His ways.

What this means is that we are to live no longer as if we are victims blaming someone, even ourselves, for our lives and all the distresses we have endured. We have been, and are, standing before His throne and His fire of mercy has been and is doing its amazing work to secure us for a salvation to be revealed in the last days.

Praise the Lord!

This truth that we are not victims also reveals that there was, and is, no better road we can travel on other than the one He has laid out before us. Let me repeat that: there was, and is, is no better road we can travel on other than the one He has laid out before us. This truth of His "great and marvelous" works is even more fantastic than we can begin to imagine. There was and there is no other way!

⁷ Isaiah 53:5, 1 Peter 2:24

⁸ Isaiah 53:6

⁹ Job 36:15

¹⁰ Romans 11:36

Isaiah 48:17

I am Yahweh your God, who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow."

Isaiah 46:3-5

Listen to me, descendants of Jacob, all you who remain in Israel. I have cared for you since you were born. Yes, I carried you before you were born. I will be your God throughout your lifetime—until your hair is white with age. I made you, and I will care for you. I will carry you along and save you. To whom will you compare me? Who is my equal?

Psalms 32:8

I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

Isaiah 30:20-22

Although Yahweh has given you bread of privation and water of oppression, He, your Teacher will no longer hide Himself, but your eyes will behold your Teacher. Your ears will hear a word behind you, "This is the way, walk in it," whenever you turn to the right or to the left.

Together, these verses mean that when we look back on our lives and all the paths we have walked, whether the experience was wonderful or abjectly horrible, and whether we handled them with evil or with righteousness, they were all purposeful paths laid out for us by Yahweh Adonai and we were led to them and through them by Yahweh Raah (our Shepherd). 11 They were and they are His paths because we have belonged to Him from the beginning, well, technically, from before the beginning. 12

As such, all things in our life were never as out of control or as scary as we thought or as they may have seemed. He says that He carried us from before we were born, so those who are now victorious, who have been standing amidst the *fire* were always in His hands. How amazing is that.

He led all those who are now believing and overcoming along the paths they have walked, and He will be faithful to lead them down the paths that He knows they need to walk to keep them safe and out of the clutches of the Beast. They just need to be willing or, better said, they just need to ask the Spirit of God to cause them to be *willing*.

Sovereignty and Choice

...righteous and true are Your ways, ...!

The Greek word translated "righteous" signifies that all of God's ways are and have been just—without

¹¹ Yahweh Adonai (Yahweh the Sovereign or Lord); Yahweh Raah (Yahweh our Shepherd).

¹² See **Ephesians 1:4, 2:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13**

prejudice or partiality. As the Spirit says, all His judgments are true and righteous altogether.

Psalms 19:8-11

The precepts of Yahweh are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of Yahweh is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of Yahweh is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of Yahweh are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them Your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

Psalms 119:75

I know, Yahweh, that Your judgments are righteous, and that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

This truth applies not just to His bondservants, but to all the "ethnos," or all the peoples from every tribe, tongue, and nation (all races).

God has acted justly toward each-and-every soul that has ever lived. He has been equanimous in His decisions. In His absolute sovereignty over both time and over the affairs of the lives of all peoples, He has respected the choice of each person to receive or reject His Son—a choice that has been made by each-and-every soul, seemingly before time.

Being outside of time, being God, He knew in advance (in His foreknowledge) those who would have a living faith, those who would love His Son, and therefore, without prejudice or partiality, He predestined them to be conformed into the image of His Son. This explains all our afflictions, or the *fire of mercy*. ¹³

No one is forced into their decision regarding the Son of God, all are free to come to Him or to reject Him. Being God, being outside of time, He just happens to know in advance who will or will not make the choice to honor the Son and to love the Son. But make no mistake, it is all about the Son. "He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him." 14

This truth is an everlasting truth applicable to all who have ever lived. For instance, for those who possessed a living faith prior to the time of Jesus, they were protected and preserved in the Bossom of Abraham (the good part of Sheol, which is the place of the dead) until they could be set free. When Jesus descended into the lower parts of the earth, He revealed to the captives that He was the object of their faith and upon His ascension into heaven, we are told that Jesus would receive the gift of men and take the captives with Him into the heavenly realm. 15

When it is all said and done, it has always been about the Son.

¹³ Romans 8:28

¹⁴ John 5:23

¹⁵ See Luke 16:19-21; Ephesians 4:7-10; Psalm 68:18. See also Matthew 8:10-12; Hebrews 11:39-40, 12:1

Proverbs 29:24

Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name or His son's name? Surely you know!

Psalms 2:10-12

Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship **Yahweh** with reverence and rejoice with trembling. **Do homage to** {literally kiss towards} **the Son**, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His *wrath* may soon be kindled. How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

The King!

"... the King, the King of the nations!"

This is an unqualified and unmitigated statement; it just is and always has been. **Yahweh** is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the blessed and only Sovereign – the King over all the nations!¹⁶

With all the chaos and the calamity in our world, sometimes it is easy to forget that **Yahweh** is the **King of the nations**. But there is no other. The Gods of this world, the **Elohim**, the "kings of the earth" are overseers who have been assigned responsibility over their respective nations. And though they may be "kings," they are not and never will be the King. The **Elohim** received their assignments from **Yahweh**, their sovereign.

Yahweh is the King over all creation; no one is exempted from His rule and His authority.

All Will Realize the Truth

"Who will not be caused to fear, O Lord, and in the **future** glorify Your name? For You alone are holy..."

The answer to the question is "no one," providing a double negative, meaning that everyone will be caused to fear Him. The absolute distinction of God from everything else (the fact that He is holy) will be the reason that all will fear Him, and in the future glorify His name.¹⁷

Jeremiah 10:6-7

There is none like You, O Yahweh; You are great, and great is Your name in might. Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? Indeed, it is Your due! For among all the wise men of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is none like You.

In the <u>future</u> – on that day – all will glorify His name, **Yahweh**, because all will know that He acted in

¹⁶ See Revelation 17:14, 19:16; 1 Timohty 6:15

¹⁷ "fear" is rendered in the aorist passive subjunctive

truth, without prejudice or partiality, because truth is His very nature. As Jesus declared, "I now am the way, the truth, and the life..." ¹⁸ No other being can make such a claim, for He alone is set apart, He alone is holy.

Accordingly, every person from every nation will know that He honored their individual choice to kiss toward the Son or not. As a result, everyone will be dealt with as exactly as they had chosen.

God has done His part and has revealed His works through creation to all of creation. We learned in **Revelation 14:6-7** that He has even sent an angel to declare His eternal gospel to all the world.

All are without excuse.

Romans 1:18-22

For the wrath of God is **now** caused to be revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who are **now** suppressing the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is **now** evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been caused to **now** be clearly seen, caused to **now** be understanding through what has been made, so that they are **now** without excuse. For even though they have been knowing God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was caused to be darkened.

They will know the truth.

Jeremiah 16:19-21

O Yahweh, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: "Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit. Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!" "Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this time I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is Yahweh."

Psalms 86:8-10

There is no one like You among the gods, O **Yahweh**, nor are there any works like Yours. All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O **Yahweh**, and they shall glorify Your name. For You are great and do wondrous deeds; You alone are God.

They Will Worship or Bow

"... for all the nations will in the **future** come and in the **future** worship before You, for Your righteous

¹⁸ John 14:6

acts have been caused to be revealed."

All the races, the "ethnos," will come (or return) and worship. Both "come," and "worship" are rendered in future active indicative. Once again, this is a statement of fact of what will be. They will in the **future** come and in the **future** they will worship. This can be understood to mean two different things, and perhaps, it can be taken both ways.

On the-one-hand, when it is all said and done, perhaps everyone will know the truth and everyone will realize that all of God's deeds towards them personally and individually, as well as towards their entire ethnicity, were just and true. They will realize how great and marvelous everything He did was. And they will bow.

Whether they honored the Son or rejected the Son, they will know that their eternal destiny was not because God failed to reveal Himself; rather, they made a choice given the clear evidence that Yahweh is the Lord God Almighty. They will rightly ascribe honor to Yahweh for His righteous acts will have been made uniquely manifest. 19

On the-other-hand, perhaps God will ensure that at least one person from every race that has ever lived will stand before Him on that something like a sea of glass and will honor His name (Yahweh) as their perspective of all that He has said and done (all His ways) is transformed by the glory of the truth of His manifested deeds of righteousness.

Then again, perhaps both perspectives are true. All will realize the truth and one way or the other they will worship or bow to Him.

Psalms 22:27-29

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to Yahweh, and all the families of the nations will worship before You. For the kingdom is Yahweh's and He rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth will eat and worship, all those who go down to the dust will bow before Him, even he who cannot keep his soul alive.

The Codex is clear, that every knee may bow of those who are in heaven, on the earth, and under the earth (those who abide in both the seen and unseen world), and each-and-every tongue may confess that Jesus Christ is **Yahweh** to the glory of God the Father.

Isaiah 45:23-25

I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone forth from My mouth in righteousness and will not turn back, that to Me every knee will bow, every tongue will swear allegiance. "They will say of Me, 'Only in Yahweh are righteousness and strength.' Men will come to Him, and all who were angry at Him will be put to shame. "In Yahweh all the offspring of Israel will be justified and will glory."

¹⁹ "revealed" is rendered in the *aorist passive indicative*.

So then, each-and-every person will give an account of themselves to God, and they will bow to Him. This is something of which the Father has sworn to Himself.²⁰

Revealed Deeds

"... for Your righteous acts have been caused to be revealed."

This passage implies that we are so self-centered, so consumed with our own affairs, living as victims to our circumstances, victims to others, and so on that on our own we do not recognize how **Yahweh's** deeds are so great and marvelous. We do not naturally comprehend the purpose and the glory of the *fire*. So, it must be caused to be revealed to us individually, and one day the glory of God's ways will be caused to be revealed to every soul.

Great and marvelous are His deeds, because no matter how painful, confusing, and terrible His deeds may have been, through them He has given every person the opportunity to recognize their desperate need for Him, their need for the Lord of Creation to care for, provide for, and to protect them. His deeds, His wounds, have given each person an opportunity to choose to turn from their idolatry and choose the Son.

Without exception, He has given every soul the opportunity to honor Him and give Him glory. In so doing, He has given every person the pathway to escaping the clutches of the Beast, the woman who rides the beast, and a destiny of wrath.

GREAT AND MARVELOUS ARE HIS DEEDS BECAUSE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ACTS HAVE BEEN CAUSED TO BE REVEALED.

Let's stop here and in our next podcast we will continue with *Revelation 15*.

I am glad you "tuned in" and have been "ready to listen."

²⁰ Romans 14:11, Philippians 2:10