

MOOREBANK-HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

Questions for discussion and reflection

The God who... is very angry

1. Why does talk about the wrath of God tend to make us uncomfortable?

Read Revelation 14:6-20

2. What is the “eternal gospel” in Revelation 14:6-7?
3. Verses 14-20 have two agricultural metaphors: reaping a harvest and treading a winepress. What do they teach us about the final judgment?
4. In addition to verse 8 and 9 in Revelation 14, read through **some** of the below Scriptures which give examples of the kind of acts that arouse God’s wrath. Do any surprise you? Why do these stir up God’s wrath?
 - Matthew 12:36-37, 13:41
 - Mark 9:43-48
 - Romans 2:2-8
 - 1 Cor 9:6-10
 - Ephesians 5:3-6
 - 2 Thess 1:5-12
 - Jude 15-16
 - Revelation 9:20-21, 21:8
5. It has been claimed that talking about the terrible final judgment is manipulative. When could it be manipulative, and when is it not manipulative? Why can’t we just leave it out?
6. Why should we insist that when Christians preach, teach and speak about final judgment, they should do so with tears and not self-righteous rage?
7. Why would it be wrong to primarily speak about God’s wrath? Read both 2 Peter 3:9-15 and 1 Thess 1:10. Whose salvation are you praying for? Do they know about the rescue Jesus offers? Do they know about the wrath of God? Are you praying for opportunities to share? Why not spend some time doing this now.