

"Racism, Riots & Return Ready" Part 1 July 5, 2020

"I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." Revelation 7:9

Looking Forward at God's Heart: (Revelation 7:9, 2 Peter 3:9)

Looking Back at God's Heart: (Genesis 12:2-3, Leviticus 19:34, Deut 20:16-17, Leviticus 18:24-30, 1 Samuel 16:7)

Understanding God's Heart in the Here and Now

- 1. Three reasons why racism <u>DEFILES</u> our hearts:
  - a. At the heart of racism is <u>PRIDE</u>. Isaiah 14:13-14, Ezekiel 28:12-19, Proverbs 8:13, Proverbs 16:18, Mark 7:21-23
  - b. At the heart of racism is <u>FAVORTISM</u>. James 2:1-10
  - c. At the heart of racism is <u>HATRED</u>. 1 John 4:20, 1 John 3:15, Matthew 5:43-44

- 2. Three reasons why racism <u>DEFIES</u> the heart of God:
  - a. We are all <u>CREATED</u> in the image of God. Genesis 1:26, Psalm 139:13-14, Genesis 1:31
  - b. We are all <u>LOVED</u> by God. John 3:16, John 1:29
  - c. We are all <u>BLESSED</u> by God. Matthew 5:45, Genesis 12:2-3

Question to Consider: How is the Holy Spirit convicting my heart today?

What is the Holy Spirit prompting me to do?