

20210912 – THE WORSHIP OF THE THRONE ROOM

Sunday AM – Revelation 5:8-14

I. THE WONDER OF THE SCENE

A. Remember the First Vision of Jesus Christ – REV. 1:10

1. John heard a voice behind him – as a trumpet!
 - a. Many trumpets described in the Bible
 - b. This one amplified, clear, resounding – unquestioned!
 - c. This is the voice of Jesus Christ!
2. You remember the way Jesus Christ looked to John when he turned
 - a. The Son of Man, clothed in white, hairs like wool – REV. 1:12
 - b. Feet brass – shining! “How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!”
 - c. Eyes like flame (piercing sight) Mouth like sword (piercing Word)
3. He is among the churches! The candlesticks!
 - a. Churches are light
 - b. And as churches fall away, the darkness grows!
 - c. As bright as the sun is, the earth still turns away every day!
 - d. Keep the light BURNING!

B. Remember the Scene in Heaven – REV. 4:1

1. Another trumpet – a trumpet call to COME UP HITHER!
 - a. There won't be “just one more minute” or “hang on a second”
 - b. This is a call that will be obeyed INSTANTLY
 - c. 1 COR 15:52 – “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”
2. By the way, that is the LAST trump that signaled these visions
 - a. That's the Greek word (1 COR.) ‘eschatos’ (es-KHAT-os)
 - b. The same word we use as “eschatology” – study of last things
 - c. We also see trumpets that will be for judgments, announcements
3. This one is a for a “call” – to COME
 - a. Prepare for Battle
 - b. Prepare for the King
 - c. Prepare for Worship

C. This is a Call to Worship

1. We see the Wonders of the Scene
2. Let us see the Worship of the Beasts and the Elders
3. Let us see the Worship of the Angels in Glory
4. Let us see the Worship of All Heaven
5. Then let us see the Weakness of Mankind

II. THE WORSHIP OF THE BEASTS AND ELDERS

A. The Harps

1. Shows that there are musical instruments in Heaven
 - a. There are those that take musical instruments OUT of churches
 - b. Not every church has an organ (I like it!)
 - c. But that isn't a call to WORLDLY music
2. Church music is usually martial, made up of Marches
 - a. Sound the Battle Cry, See the foe is nigh! Raise the standard high, For the Lord; Gird your armor on, Stand firm, every one; Rest your cause upon His holy Word.
 - b. Rouse then, Soldiers! Rally round the banner, Ready, Steady! Pass the word along. Onward, forward, shout a loud HOSANNA! Christ is Captain of the mighty throng!
 - c. Onward Christian Soldiers!
3. Or Contemplative
 - a. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
 - b. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.
 - c. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
 - d. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.
4. Compare that to these vapid meaningless "chanties" they swoon today!

B. The Golden Vials

1. The prayers of the saints are an "incense" in heaven
 - a. David said that the Psalms as well
 - b. "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense..." (PSA 141:2)
 - c. Think about the idea of incense – it burns slowly (takes time) and the smoke floats upward – it isn't a microwave!
 - d. And we're talking about prayer not burning candles!
2. God calls prayers "a sweet-smelling savour"
 - a. Noah sacrificed after leaving the Ark in GEN. 8
 - b. And it says "the LORD smelled a sweet savour;"
 - c. And THEN He said He would not destroy by water again!
3. Our prayers of praise, of worship, for those who are sick or in pain

C. The New Song

1. This is a song of Blood Redemption
 - a. HEB. 9:22 – "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."
 - b. This Bible is the story of a fountain FILLED with Blood

- c. CANNOT take the blood out of Christianity or left with nothing!
2. There is an unbroken chain of blood shed from Genesis 3 to the Cross
 - a. All lambs sacrificed for the national sin of Israel
 - b. All blood shed in sacrifice to God POINT to Jesus
 - c. The Blood shed on the Cross paid price! Canceled the DEBT!
 - d. He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the SIN of the World!
3. This is a song about the universal offer of salvation – REV. 5:9
 - a. Out of every kindred – all families of the earth
 - b. Out of every tongue – no barriers to native language
 - c. Out of every people – no barriers to any group or race
 - d. Out of every nation – doesn't matter the politics

III. THE WORSHIP OF THE ANGELS

A. The Heavenly Choir

1. We've heard the angel choir before – at the birth of Christ
2. You remember the shepherds, the angel told them about the Babe Born
3. And it's almost as if the rest couldn't restrain themselves!
4. LUKE 2:13 – “And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, (14) Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

B. The Seven-fold Song

1. Power – MATT. 28:18 – “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.”
2. Riches – 2 COR. 8:9 – “For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.”
3. Wisdom – COL. 2:3 – [In Him] “In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”
4. Strength – PSA. 24:8 – “Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.”
5. Honor – JOHN 5:22-23 – “That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.”
6. Glory – JOHN 1:14 – “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”
7. Blessing – PSA 103:1-2 – “Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:”

C. I know popular movies and books mistake men for angles

1. We will never become angels, nor will we get our wings when bells ring
2. But we can be like them in THIS way!
3. We can SING GOD'S PRAISES!

IV. THE WORSHIP OF ALL HEAVEN

- A. All Creation Worships and Adores the King
 - 1. Four-fold adoration of the Lamb
 - a. In Heaven
 - b. On the Earth
 - c. Under the Earth
 - d. In the Sea
 - 2. Four is a number often used to represent the Earth
 - a. Four seasons, four directions, four winds, etc.
 - 3. Put it together: All creatures EVERYWHERE!
- B. Fulfills Scripture
 - 1. Read Psalms 148 sometime
 - 2. Starts with the Heavens and Heights praising God
 - 3. Mountains, Hills, Trees, Fire, Hail, Beasts and Cattle
 - 4. Finally: Kings, Princes, People – young and old alike!
 - 5. PSA. 148:13 – “Let them praise the name of the LORD: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.”
- C. All Created to Bring Him Glory!
 - 1. Look back at REV. 4:11 – ALL thing created by HIM for HIS Glory
 - 2. Our normal state was meant to be in PRAISE to Him!
 - 3. In Worship of His Glory
 - 4. But man fell into sin and is “broken” to our original purpose!
 - 5. But the potter didn’t throw the clay away, He will make us again!
 - 6. And you too can be a NEW CREATURE in Christ Jesus

V. THE WEAKNESS OF MAN

- A. Only Man Dares Ignore God
 - 1. Not the Heavenly Beasts, not the Angels, not all Creation
 - 2. Even the Devil and his angels do not dare “ignore” God
 - 3. Only MAN thinks he can turn his back to his Creator
- B. Every Knee
 - 1. PHIL. 2:9 – “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; (11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
 - 2. You should praise Him now, because you WILL praise Him later
 - 3. Every TONGUE shall confess!
- C. Be Saved Today