



The Book of Revelation Lesson 6 1Q 2019

The Sealed People of God

SABBATH

As we discuss Revelation let's keep in mind its purpose, which is to encourage believers in their relationship with Christ, to provide hope, to inspire to better living, to motivate us to study and dig into God's Word to comprehend its mysteries that God would have us know.

Why? Because strength comes by exercise and we grow neurobiologically, characterologically, in wisdom as we study for ourselves. Revelation is written as it is to inspire us to study and grow.

But, what Revelation is not—it is not a test of fellowship, a requirement for salvation, or a crystal ball we can use to map out an exact future.

In other words, a person doesn't have to believe a certain interpretation of Revelation in order to be saved.

What is required for salvation is to be restored to godliness in heart/character, what some call being reborn, via the work of the Holy Spirit bringing the character of Christ into your heart and mind.

Therefore, it is okay to have different views of various elements of Revelation as long as the following remain true:

- God is always portrayed as love
- God's laws are design laws
- Trust and faith in God are increased
- Fear and distrust in God are decreased
- You are growing to be more like Christ in character and method
- You become engaged as a worker to share the truth about God

With this in mind let's turn to our lesson:

The lesson takes the position that the seven seals begin in AD 34, at Pentecost, and is a history of the Christian dispensation, covering the same ground as the message to the seven churches.

However, I am not satisfied with this explanation because it leaves out more than half of human history and begins way downstream of the opening of the GC. If one values EGW it also is inconsistent with her statements that the book sealed with seven seals contains:

- The history of God's providences—which means God's creation and care
- The prophetic history of nations and the church
- His divine utterances and God's law
- The whole symbolic counsel of the Eternal



- The history of all ruling powers in the nations
- The beginning of earth's history to its close

So, I prefer the explanation that the seals represent God's foreknowledge from the opening of the GC in heaven to its conclusion as follows, seal:

1. Satan's rebellion in heaven

- a. White horse, pretends to be pure
- b. Bow—which shoots arrows and in Ephesians 6 we are told: “In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.” V. 16
- c. crown—he claims equality to Christ and later to be the ruler of earth
- d. Wants to conquer—which means dominate, compel
- e. Some are concerned this is the same rider as in Revelation 19, starting in verse 11. Let's examine the difference:

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he **judges and makes war**.¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are **many crowns**. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself.¹³ He is dressed in **a robe dipped in blood**, and his name is the Word of God.¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean.¹⁵ Out of his **mouth comes a sharp sword** with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty.¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

- f. What is the difference in these two riders?
 - i. Weapon is bow versus sword—the sword is the sword of truth
 - ii. many crowns instead of one crown
 - iii. robe dripped in blood
 - iv. makes war does not seek conquest—and the war is the war of truth and love over lies and selfishness, not to conquer but to free those who have been conquered
 - v. From *The Remedy*:

I looked and saw the heavens open, and before me was a white horse whose rider is called Faithful and True—which symbolizes that Christ makes war using the weapons of truth and righteousness, and diagnoses all things perfectly.¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, symbolic of the penetrating power of truth and love that burns within his heart and with which he sees all things. On his head are many crowns, symbolizing his rightful rule over all domains, spheres, orders, and territories. Upon him is a name that only he knows, for it represents the fullness of



his infinite true self.¹³ His clothes are dipped in blood, symbolic of self-sacrificing death by which he procured the Remedy. His name is the Word of God, for he is God's very thoughts made audible and visible.¹⁴ The host of heaven followed him, also riding on white horses and dressed in pure linen—spotless white and clean—symbolic of the methods of truth, love and freedom with which they wage war.¹⁵ He struck down the nations with a sharp sword that came out of his mouth, which symbolized the spoken words of truth that destroy everything built on the lies about God. "He will rule them with an unbreakable shepherd's rod." He crushes out all lies and selfishness in the winepress of the unrestrained burning rivers of truth and love flowing from God Almighty.¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh, this name is written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

2. The fall of mankind in Eden
 - a. This rider takes peace from the earth, when did peace get taken from the earth 100 years after Christ's death, or in Eden?
3. The history of humanity in the OT up until Christ
 - a. This was a period of spiritual starvation in which truth about God was difficult to find, but the Holy Spirit and the life of Christ could not be destroyed
4. Christianity through the Middle and Dark Ages
 - a. The power of the church to distort the truth about God by distorted teachings about God, restricting access to the Word of God and introducing pagan god concepts.
5. 1844 the opening of the Investigative Judgment
 - a. individualities were being cleansed from sin, given white robes
6. The shaking and end-time rejection of God and rise of atheism and evolutionism
7. The final events culminating in the second coming of Christ

Read second paragraph, "Chapter 7 is an interlude..." What is meant by the sixth seal brings us to the second coming of Christ? Does it mean that the sixth seal ends with the second coming of Christ, or that the events that follow under the seventh seal will culminate in the second coming of Christ?

In other words, are there more events to follow the sixth seal before the second coming of Christ or when the sixth seal is over Jesus comes?

I believe, that there are significant events that occur after what is described in the sixth seal and are described in Chapter 7 and under the seventh seal culminating in the second coming of Christ.

In fact, I believe Chapter 7 gives insight into what has contributed to the delay in the second coming.

SUNDAY

Read Revelation 7:1-3:



After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” (NIV84)

Is this literal or symbolic of combo of both?

What does it mean?

Read first paragraph, “In the Old Testament...” The first sentence says that winds are metaphors for God’s executes judgments upon the wicked. The second sentence, a quote from EGW, says, “As the angels of God cease to hold in check the **fierce winds of human passions**, all the elements of strife will be let loose.”

Questions:

- Is EGW’s description of the angels letting loose the winds consistent with what Revelation 7 describes the angels are doing?
- So, is the means of harming the angels use by expending power to inflict harm, or by the cessation of their power and letting loose what they have held in check?
- Then is the lesson suggesting God’s execution of judgment upon the wicked is passive, God judges that there is nothing more He can do for the wicked so He sets them free to their own choice?
- Was this passive aspect of God’s executive judgment clear to your understanding from the way the lesson wrote it?

What are the four winds?

Here is one historic view, what do you think?

We feel depressed, greatly depressed, as we see the world and its wickedness. The professed Christian world is enveloped in the darkness that covers the earth. We sigh and cry for the abominations that are done in the land. Why is it that all this wickedness does not break forth in decided violence against righteousness and truth? It is because the **four angels are holding the four winds, that they shall not blow upon the earth. But human passions are reaching a high pass**, and the Spirit of the Lord is being withdrawn from the earth. Were it not that God has commanded **angelic agencies to control the satanic agencies that are seeking to break loose and to destroy**, there would be no hope. But the **winds are to be held** until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads. . . . {HP 96.3}

And what causes them to blow? God acting or God withdrawing His restraining influence?



EGW gives further confirmation that this is her view of it:

"I was shown that the **judgments of God would not come directly out from the Lord** upon them, but in this way;

"They place themselves beyond His protection. He warns, corrects, reproves, and points out the only path of safety; then if those who have been the objects of His special care will follow their own course, independent of the Spirit of God, after repeated warnings, **if they choose their own way, then He does not commission His angels to prevent Satan's decided attacks upon them.**

"It is Satan's power that is at work at sea and on land, bringing calamity and distress, and sweeping off multitudes to make sure of his prey, and storm and tempest both by sea and land will be, for Satan has come down in great wrath. He is at work. He knows his time is short and, he is not restrained; we shall see more terrible manifestations of his great power than we have ever dreamed of." Manuscript Release vol. 14, p. 3

What would cause the Spirit of God to withdraw?

Where is the dwelling place for God's Spirit on earth? Our hearts and minds, we are the Spirit Temple, so what happens when billions of people harden their heart to God?

Is the withdrawal of the Spirit some arbitrary act on God's part, some cosmic clock has reached a point and God says, "Okay, time's up, time to withdraw?" No! It is a result of our rejection!

What is the seal of God?

- When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13)
- What does the Holy Spirit do that "seals" us?
- Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and love – and
- Jesus said that the Spirit would take what is Christ's and make it known to us

The Holy Spirit settles our minds, hearts and characters into the truth and love of God such that we cannot be moved. Through the Spirit, we become partakers of the divine nature and like Christ in character: sealed to God.

Read second paragraph: "In ancient times..." Sealing is being settled into the truth intellectually and spiritually so we cannot be moved. What does this mean?

1. Intellectually—comprehending reality so that we will not be moved from it:

- We understand the truth of God's character and methods of love
- We understand God's law is design law and how it functions
- We understand that pain, suffering and death come from sin not from God



- We understand love only works in an atmosphere of freedom and thus reject theologies that have God in role of cosmic executioner

2. Spiritually—we have incorporated what we understand into our characters, what we love, what we practice, who we are in heart, and would rather die than turn away from truth and love. Thus, the saved are described in Revelation as “these are they who do not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.” Rev 12:11

A person can understand cognitively that smoking is unhealthy and causes cancer, yet have no desire to quit and continue to smoke. This would be an example of someone who is not settled spiritually, they are settled intellectually on the dangers of smoking, but their life has not been changed to live in harmony with that truth.

An alcoholic may be convinced that they have to quit because of liver failure and multiple DUI's, and so they don't drink, but they long to, they dream about it, they wish they could figure a way to drink without experiencing the harm. They are settled intellectually about the truth and even behaviorally change because of fear of the consequences, but they are not spiritually settled, their heart is still tied to the alcohol. In AA these are called dry drunks.

What about the idea of keeping the Commandments, how do they fit in to the sealing?

Can someone keep the commandments and not be settled into the truth spiritually?

Can someone be like the dry drunk, afraid of the consequences of sinning so they obey the rules, but in their heart they want to do their own thing? These individuals would not be sealed.

What is the mark of the beast? Settling into mind and heart the methods of the beast, coercion—a willingness to punish others who disobey the rules you think should be followed. The beastly methods of human governments.

Read third paragraph, “The faithfulness of God's sealed...” What is the key to correctly understanding this idea?

What Law Lens? If one tries to understand the idea of the Commandments with the human imposed law lens they will ultimately promote the beast's view of God. We can only correctly promote God's end-time message by rejecting imposed law and returning to design law.

Imposed law views the Sabbath as a test of obedience and makes it specifically about the day of the week one attends church and avoids work. This leads to a rules-oriented behavioral approach to salvation and misrepresents God, and people become very Pharisaical.

The design law view realizes that the Sabbath is a sign, a mark and a tool/gift to aide human beings in holiness. It is an evidence of God's methods of truth, presented in love, while leaving people free. It



was designed and created as a day of rest—a day in which God rested from using power; a day for God’s created beings to think and examine evidence. Thus, the Sabbath is a sign of God the Creator whose laws are design laws. It helps us avoid falling into the beastly system of human governments that run on imposed rules.

But if we present the Sabbath as an imposed rule and God is monitoring it to see who breaks it and will punish those who break it then we take this amazing gift to aide is in our holiness and we twist it to make God appear beastly and this in turn corrupts our character to be like the beast and we could end up killing the Lord of the Sabbath, just like the Sabbath keepers 2000 years ago.

For more details explanation of the Sabbath versus Sunday see my blog at:

<http://comeandreason.com/index.php/en/blogs-main/587-sabbath-imposed-rule-or-design-for-life>

MONDAY

Read Revelation 7:4-8:

Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed,
from the tribe of Reuben 12,000,
from the tribe of Gad 12,000,
from the tribe of Asher 12,000,
from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000,
from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000,
from the tribe of Simeon 12,000,
from the tribe of Levi 12,000,
from the tribe of Issachar 12,000,
from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000,
from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, (NIV84)

Is this symbolic or literal?

Who is symbolically represented by this group?

Read first paragraph, “The announcement of the number...” Why 12,000 from 12 different tribes?

What does this symbolically represent? The ceremonial system of ancient Israel was a grand theatrical enactment of the plan of salvation. The 12 tribes encamped around the sanctuary, symbolically represented the people groups from all four corners of the earth. The Levites, which represent the priest or the saved of God, camped between the other tribes and the sanctuary, symbolically demonstrating that the saved are God’s agents, representatives, evangelists, missionaries, to the world



to share the truth about God with the people of the world to bring them back into unity at-one-ment with Him.

So, the tribes represent people from all over the world.

There are two possibilities regarding the 144,000—that they represent the saved from all over the world—the great multitude, or they represent a different group of saved, a subset of saved, both are possibilities.

One piece of identifying information that adds insight as to who the 144,000 are is in verse three.

In verse 3 who is being sealed? The *servants* of God and in Bible symbolism, who are God’s servants? I am giving you only a small sample of the OT references for this, but notice how widely this is stated throughout the OT:

- until the Lord removed them from his presence, as he had warned through all **his servants the prophets**. (2Kings 17:23 NIV84)
- The Lord said through **his servants the prophets**: (2Kings 21:10 NIV84)
- But now, O our God, what can we say after this? For we have disregarded the commands you gave through **your servants the prophets**... (Ezra 9:10,11 NIV84)
- From the time your forefathers left Egypt until now, day after day, again and again I sent you **my servants the prophets**. (Jeremiah 7:25 NIV84)
- This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Are you not the one I spoke of in former days by **my servants the prophets** of Israel? (Ezekiel 38:17)
- We have not listened to **your servants the prophets**, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. (Daniel 9:6 NIV84)
- Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to **his servants the prophets**. (Amos 3:7 NIV84)
- But did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded **my servants the prophets**, overtake your forefathers? (Zechariah 1:6 NIV84)

So, in the Bible the “servants of God” is a symbolic reference to God’s prophets?

And what are God’s prophets—primarily people who predict the future, or people sent by God to the people of their time with a message for them at that time? So we could call them God’s spokespersons.

Thus, Revelation 7 could describe a group of people from all over the world who become God’s spokespersons to give an end-time message, and from their witness a great multitude responds and is saved.

But another view is that the 144,000 and the Great Multitude are the same and a piece of evidence that supports this view is:



I saw that the four angels **would hold the four winds until Jesus' work was done in the sanctuary**, and then will come the seven last plagues. {EW 36.2}

So, some take the position that the sealing of the 144,000 includes all the great multitude because the sealing is complete when Jesus leaves the sanctuary.

However, EGW says in other places:

The time of trouble is before us. **The angels are, as it were, just loosening the four winds, but they cannot loose them yet.** The church is too far behind her privileges. The people of God are too indolent. Many are unfaithful; many are unclean and polluted. We are not prepared for the crisis. The question is, How long will God wait for our tardy movements? {15MR 86.2}

So, another view is that the angels are loosening their hold, allowing increase in human passion and troubles to overtake the world, but have not fully let loose, because too many aren't ready. So, during the loosening phase the 144,000 spokespersons are sealed and their witness brings in the great multitude and when there are no others capable of being saved, then they completely let loose.

Both interpretations are possible and both have supporting evidence, I don't think we need to argue about it, and ultimately it doesn't really make a difference as long as we know the truth about God and are among the sealed.

But I prefer the view that God sends a message to the angels at the four corners of the earth instructing them to hold back the winds of strife until God's spokespersons are sealed in their forehead.

Then, after they are sealed the winds loosen and that awakens the rest of the sleeping world to inquire what is happening, and from the witness of the 144,000 the great multitude is saved and sealed and then the winds are fully loosed

So, perhaps the loosening of the winds isn't a distinct point but a gradual process until finally completely loosed.

TUESDAY

Read Revelation 7:9,10:

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.” (NIV84)



Combination of literal and symbolic? Literal great multitude, from literally all people groups on earth, but the Lamb is symbolic of Christ, white robes symbolic of healed character, palm branches symbolic of their triumph over sin.

Read first paragraph, “John sees...” Regardless of whether we view the two groups as different groups, or the same group, what is God waiting for in order to let loose the four winds and bring about the events that lead to the second coming of Christ?

The sealing of the 144,000—and what is obstructing that from occurring? The imperial law lie that teaches that salvation is a legal process and that God is the source of inflicted punishment for sin from whom we need protection.

Read last paragraph, “Nearest the throne...” The bottom green section states, “Yes, we are covered by the robe of Christ’s righteousness, a gift of faith.”

What does it mean to be covered by the robe of Christ’s righteousness?

Do you find any significance in the fact the lesson authors state it this way, but in the sentence right before EGW says “The palm branch in their hands is a symbol of their triumph, the white robe an emblem of the spotless righteousness of Christ which now is theirs.”

Does the phrase, “covered by the robe of Christ’s righteousness,” immediately sound the same as possessing the righteousness of Christ, having a character that has been purified to be righteous like Christ?

What is an emblem? A symbolic representation of something else. So, EGW says the white robes are a symbolic representation of a reality—and that reality is the saved HAVE/POSSESS the righteousness of Christ, are not unrighteous and covered by the righteousness of Christ.

Why do you think the lesson authors, given the quote, didn’t say, “Yes, we are transformed and healed to be righteous like Christ, a gift of faith?”

Could it be, operating on imposed law, they fail to see the healing reality that God provides in Christ, and instead misrepresent the plan of salvation as a legal covering over unrighteousness by a legal declaration?

When EGW uses the language of covered by the robe of righteousness in other places, how does she explain what it means in reality?

When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life. **This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness.** Then as the Lord looks upon us He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and



deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah. {COL 311.4}

WEDNESDAY

Read Revelation 14:1-5:

Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless. (NIV84)

The lesson asks, "What are the chief characteristics of the 144,000?"

- They didn't defile themselves with women, they kept themselves pure
- They follow Jesus wherever He goes
- No lie was found in their mouth
- They are blameless

What does this mean? How do you understand it?

Is it literal? Are we speaking of only men who take vows of celibacy? Or is it symbolic?

What do women represent in Bible symbolism? Systems of religion—the pure woman represents God's church; the harlot represents false religions. So, what would it mean to not defile themselves with women?

Does this mean they always had every detail and every fact of Scripture correctly understood, or that they never embraced and valued the principles that are contrary to God's character?

What about following Jesus? Would it mean they are lovers of the truth and are willing to have their ideas changed and improved as the truth is revealed to them? Whereas, those that won't follow Jesus refuse advancing truth to hold to tradition and historic views?

So, in the metaphor of the sanctuary when Jesus moved from the Holy Place to the Most Holy Place, what is the truth that was to be understood and embraced by those who follow Him?



I submit, the essential truth, is that God is Creator, and His laws are design laws, which are signified by the Sabbath, the day of rest which stands for our Creator God. We are to follow Him in worshipping “Him who made the heavens, earth, sea and fountains of water,” which means rejecting the lie of Roman Imperial law as God’s law.

Thus, all those who are still teaching in the SDA church that God’s law functions like human law are not following Jesus where He leads. They are like the Jews 2000 years ago who would not accept the truth of Jesus as Messiah. And what happened, all the symbolic rituals, given to teach them truth became a source of darkness. And what happens in the SDA church when people promote the Sabbath, or Sanctuary, or any other doctrine through the imposed law lens? It becomes a source of darkness because it promotes God’s character as coercive and compelling rather than love!

THURSDAY

Read first paragraph, “The final...” No lie was found in their mouth—what does this mean? Would it mean:

- Every word uttered in their life was 100% factually correct?
- They never told someone they liked their hair dew when they really didn’t, or said to a friend or family member they enjoyed a meal when they didn’t?
- They never said “No, mommy I didn’t take the candy” with chocolate on their lips?
- They never said anything about God that wasn’t true in their entire life?
- OR, they never said anything about God that wasn’t true **once they were sealed** of God and called by Him to be one of His end-time spokespersons? In other words, **in their end-time witness about God they told the truth about God!**

Read second paragraph, “Without fault...” What does it mean they are blameless?

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.
(Ephesians 1:4 NIV84)

If a child is born of two HIV parents with HIV infection, is the child to blame? Is the child blameless?

But as the child grows to age of accountability and a remedy is offered to cure the HIV infection and the child refuses it and remains infected will the child remain blameless?

So, what does it mean to be blameless? Would it mean to be healed, cured, recreated, renewed to be like Jesus in character? These are the ones who have accepted the Remedy provided by Jesus and cooperated with His healing plan and thus have been reborn, recreated within and are no longer diagnosed as terminal, but are found blameless through the healing work of Christ.



But, those who refuse are to blame, not for having the sin condition, but for refusing the remedy that would cure them. This is taught in the parable of the wedding in which the man who didn't have the free garment provided was case out.

Read Revelation 7 from *The Remedy*:

After the events of the first six seals, I saw four angels standing at key positions around the earth, holding back the four winds of strife to prevent them from blowing on the land, or sea, or any tree.² Then I saw another one of God's messengers coming from the east, with the truth about God's character of love and the Remedy of the living God, to seal the characters of God's children. He called in a loud voice to the four angels who had the power to harm the land and sea by releasing the winds:³ "Hold! And do not harm the land or sea until we seal the minds of God's helpers and spokespersons, settling them into the truth about God's character and methods of love, so that nothing can shake them from it."⁴ Then I heard the symbolic representation of those who were sealed—144,000 from all peoples of the earth, symbolized by the tribes of Israel:

⁵From Judah 12,000 from Reuben 12,000 from Gad 12,000 ⁶from Asher 12,000 from Naphtali 12,000 from Manasseh 12,000⁷from Simeon 12,000 from Levi 12,000 from Issachar 12,000 ⁸from Zebulun 12,000 from Joseph 12,000 from Benjamin 12,000.

⁹After the spokespersons for God were sealed, the four winds were loosed, and I saw before me a great multitude won to God from the witness of God's spokespersons: They were more than anyone could count—from every nation, tribe, people, and language—standing before the throne and in front of Jesus the Lamb. Their characters had been purified to be like Jesus'—symbolized by the wearing of white clothing—and they were holding palm branches in their hands, indicating their praise and acknowledgment of Jesus as King.¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice: "Healing and restoration come from our God who sits on the throne and from Jesus the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels who were standing around the throne, and the elders, and the four living beings—they all fell down in love and awe and worshiped God,¹² singing, "Absolutely right! God is worthy of all praise, and glory, and honor, and thanks, and wisdom, and power, and strength—forever and ever without end! So let it always be!"

¹³Then one of the elders looked at me and asked, "These people in white clothes—who are they and how did they get here?"

¹⁴I answered, "Sir, surely you know." And he did know: he said, "These are they who—after the four winds are loosed—hear the testimony of God's spokespersons and during the great tribulation respond to the truth, accept the Remedy, and have their minds and hearts renewed to be like Jesus'—symbolized by their clothes being washed in the blood of the Lamb.¹⁵ Therefore they are united to the throne of God, and—as living stones in his temple—reveal his character continually; and he who sits on the throne will cover them with his constant love and



care.¹⁶They will never again hunger for truth or thirst for love. No sun or scorching heat will ever harm them—symbolizing that they will never again be burned by trial or tribulation.¹⁷For Jesus the Lamb, who stands at the command center of the universe, will be their protector; he will provide them with springs of living water. And God will comfort them and wipe away all their tears."

FRIDAY

The lesson points out in question 2, that the 144,000 sing a song no one else can sing, because it is a song of their experience. Question: Would that mean they would have to remember their experience in order to sing the song?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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To let you know what is IN THE WORKS in addition to our weekly class:

- Audio Version of the Remedy is in production, we are about half way through and hope to have it available in a few months.
- The Power of Love Come and Reason Training and Equipping Course—is in production and more announcements will be forthcoming on time, place, and schedule
- A new sharing pamphlet to be out in March
- A weekly 15 minute radio show/podcast most likely start in April
- Exploring how to expand the Dr. Tim Jennings Television program

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