



Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed
Sermon Title: The Thanksgiving Song of Heaven
Scripture: Revelation 11:14-19
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Introduction:

In this world, even the best of kings, rulers, or leaders are at best disappointing and at worst, corrupt, selfish destroyers.

At the sound of the 7th Trumpet...

1. The Lord Jesus Christ is **enthroned**, and the earthly kingdom is replaced by the divine. (v. 15)
2. The heavenly response to the enthronement of the Sovereign Lord over earth's kingdom is complete submission & **thanksgiving**. (v. 16-17)

Scriptures: Psalm 72:11

3. The enthronement of Jesus' signals that the completion of God's **salvation plan** is at hand. (v. 18)

Scriptures: Psalm 2; Hebrews 9:27; Psalm 1:5-6; Proverbs 13:13; Isaiah 40:10; Matthew 5:11-12)

John's Chiasm highlighting the conclusion of God's Salvation Plan:

"The nations raged, but your wrath came,

A and the time for the dead to be judged,

B and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints

B and [for rewarding] those who fear your name, both small and great,

A and for destroying the destroyers of the earth."

4. In the symbols of the ark & the storm, the **presence** of God in His mercy to His people and His judgment upon the earth is made manifest. (v. 19)

Scriptures: Revelation 21:3; Exodus 9:13-26; Joshua 10:11; Ezekiel 38:22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:25-26

Conclusion:

Rejoice and **give thanks** to God for His reign is sure & good, and his presence is with His people **forever**.

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. In what ways do the kingdoms of this world disappoint and destroy?
2. How do you struggle with the reign of Christ in your daily life?
3. Should the conclusion of God's salvation plan in both judgment and mercy give you joy? Why or why not?
4. How is God exalted in both judgment and mercy?
5. What is the significance of both the ark and the storms in vs. 19? How does vs. 19 bring you hope and peace?