



Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed

Sermon Title: Look to the Lamb

Scripture: Revelation 14:1-5

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INTRODUCTION

2 Kings 6:8-23

Note: Revelation 14 shows us the end; it fast forwards and shows pictures of the coming conclusion, which is the triumph and victory of Christ and His people! It reveals all this to us in three parts/scenes:

Verses 1-5: The Victorious Lamb Standing with His People

Verses 6-13: Three Angelic Announcements of God's Judgment and Blessing

Verses 14-20: The Coming "Harvest" and Reckoning of Christ's Judgment

I. THE VICTORIOUS LAMB STANDING WITH HIS PEOPLE

Revelation 14:1-5

1) The General Setting: These verses purposefully show us glorious, heavenly, wondrous things! Many of the beautiful details found here are an "answer" to the ugliness and idolatry of chapter 13.

"As for Me, I have set MY KING on Zion, My holy hill." (Psalm 2:6)

"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will NEVER PERISH, and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

MY FATHER, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are One." (John 10:27-30)

2) The Sounds, Voices, and New Song: John describes a mighty and, yet, a beautiful and gentle voice from heaven. John hears the singing of a "new song" that is, for some reason, unlearnable. John sees this "new song" as being added to the worship of heaven, added to the worship that is already being offered by the four living creatures and by the twenty-four elders.

Psalm 29:3-4 and Psalm 119:41-42, 46-47

“...and they were singing A NEW SONG before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.” (Revelation 14:3)

Note: When the Bible talks about “a new song” being sung to God, it is sung in response to some wonderful, new expression of God’s mercy, grace, and deliverance!

Note: The Greek word translated as “learn” refers to learning something by experience. These 144,000 (the “redeemed from the earth”) have experienced something wonderful, the fullness of God’s redeeming, reconciling, delivering, and conquering grace!

3) Characteristics and Evidence of Love for Christ: These 144,000 pursue purity, they follow Jesus wherever He leads, they recognize and rejoice in their redemption, and they speak what is true and helpful to those around them.

“It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins.” (Revelation 14:4a)

*“It is these who follow the Lamb **WHEREVER** He goes.” (Revelation 14:4b)*

“These have been redeemed from mankind as first-fruits for God and the Lamb...” (Revelation 14:4c)

*“You are NOT your own, for you were BOUGHT with a price. SO glorify God in your body.”
(1 Corinthians 6:19b-20)*

“...and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.” (Revelation 14:5)

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

1. In looking at 2nd Kings chapter 6, what did Elisha’s servant need? What did Elisha pray for?
2. Can you think of some difficult times in your life when you were aware of God’s presence/power?
3. Can you think of a time when you, like Elisha’s servant, were oblivious to what God was doing?
What do you wish that you would have done differently in that situation?
4. Where is the Lamb in Revelation chapter 14? How is this such a wonderful encouragement?
5. What details do we see/learn about the 144,000 in this passage? How are they an example to us?