

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 5:8-14

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"ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, FALL DOWN!" — PART 2

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

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Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. :9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For (because) You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, :10 And have made us (kings) and (priests) to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." :11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, :12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" :13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" :14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

ON YOUR MARK,

HAVING AN ACTIVE, DAY BY DAY, LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

I.) "On Your Mark" – heaven in your sights vv. 8-10

1st On Your Mark - "Jesus Christ" the object of affection

Is Jesus Christ the Centrality of Your Affections?

For some of you this morning; Jesus is Still a **Mystery** to You!

For some of you this morning; Jesus is Still **Curious** to You!

For some of you this morning; Jesus is **Still New** to You!

For some of you this morning; Jesus has "**Become**" Your Life!

Philippians 3:10-14

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, :11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. :12 ¶ I have not yet reached my goal, and I am not perfect. But Christ has taken hold of me. So I keep on running and struggling to take hold of the prize. :13 My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. :14 I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done.

You've Discovered That, Thru Thick and Thin – He's There!

You've Discovered That When Hardships and Troubles Press In, – He Comforts!

You've Discovered That, When Forgiveness and Acceptance is Needed – He Brings Reassurance!

Is Jesus Christ Your Centrality – Focus, Affection?

2nd On Your Mark - "Worship" our spiritual exercise v.9

9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For (because) You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Zechariah 13:6

And one will say to him, "What are these wounds between your arms?" Then he will answer, 'Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.'

King David's Desire – a king's desire?

Psalm 23:6

Surely (That goes for Bob and Mary too) goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 27:4

One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

A New Song = Never Able to be Sung Prior to...

3rd On Your Mark - Jesus Christ is returning to this earth v.10

And have made us (kings) and (priests) to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

It's About the Divine Government to Come

(kings and priests = the reign of Christ and his government for 1,000 years from Jerusalem, Israel)

ON YOUR MARK,

HAVING AN ACTIVE, DAY BY DAY, LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST

II.) "Get Set" – to make heaven your new home vv. 11-12

:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many... of angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands,

1st Get Set – to make heaven "your choice" v.11

:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many...

There was a Crowd... in heaven

"And I am so very glad"

At The Expense of His Blood – Heaven was Populated

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Romans 5:8-9

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. :9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

Revelation 12:10

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. :11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb

Revelation 7:13

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

It's His Blood - That Brings Me to Worship with Those in Heaven

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"But Pastor Jack – I Don't Do Well in Crowds"

*"it's the - number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand,
and thousands of thousands." That bothers me*

I Have ONE Word for you – **Get Over It!**

Matthew 14:13

Jesus departed by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when **the multitudes** heard it, they followed Him (traffic jam) on foot from the cities. :14 And when Jesus went out He saw **a great multitude**;

Matthew 20:29

And as they departed from Jericho, **a great multitude** followed him. :30 behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David. :31 And **the multitude** rebuked them, saying "hold you peace": (shut your mouth) but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou Son of David.

Mark 3:7

But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea.

Luke 6:17

And Jesus came down with **them**, and stood in the plain, and the **company of his disciples**, with **a great multitude** of people from all of Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea, up the coast of Tyre even unto Sidon, They came to hear him teach, **and to be healed of their diseases**;

A Massive Crowd of
Coughing, Choking, Sneezing, Vomiting, Head aching..
Oozing and Bleeding!

Mark 5:19

However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." :20 And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled. :21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea.

Mark 5:24

Then Jesus started off with him. So many people were going along with Jesus that they were crowding him from every side. :25 There was a woman who had suffered terribly from severe bleeding for twelve years, :26 even though she had been treated by many doctors. She had spent all her money, but instead of getting better she got worse all the time. :27 She had heard about Jesus, so she came in the crowd behind him, :28 saying to herself, "If I just touch his clothes, I will get well." :29 She touched his cloak, and her bleeding stopped at once; and she had the feeling inside herself that she was healed of her trouble. :30 At once Jesus knew that power had gone out of him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" :31 His disciples answered, "You see how the people are crowding you; why do you ask who touched you?" :32 But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. :33 The woman realized what had happened to her, so she came, trembling with fear, knelt at his feet, and told him the whole truth. :34 Jesus said to her, "My daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your trouble."

In The End, I Think Satan Loses the Score.
I Know he Loses the Game!

BUT WILL YOU BE THERE?

Worship Requires a Willfulness on My Part! We choose What, When,
Where, and How as humans.
That Prerogative Has Been Given to Us!

“Love and Relationship”
Is all centered around choices.

IT'S THE CHOICES WE MAKE THAT ANNOUNCE OUR AFFECTIONS

Augustine Said;
“I Can Live Any Kind of Life I So Choose. I Choose to Live for Christ”

Life Demands Affection And Our Affections Reveal Our Gods

Joshua Said;

Joshua 24:15

And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... (Bob Dylan) But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

What Does The “Choice” Mean?
Let the Lord tell you about Himself!

What Will Happen Should I Make the Choice?
A Washing, a Cleansing, a Renewing Happens!

The gossipers, the battlers, the talebearers, the slanderers,
Sow their poison – they’re not Washed, Cleansed, Renewed!

“Get Set” – to make heaven your new home

2nd Getting Set – to know more (about) of Jesus - forever! v.12

...saying with a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

notice that if you’re a Christian;
you get to sing to the Lamb!

THE MORE I KNOW "OF" JESUS,
The Better... The Worship = He's Worthy!

THE MORE I KNOW "OF" JESUS,
The Greater... The Appreciation = He Receives Power, Riches, Wisdom

THE MORE I KNOW "OF" JESUS,
The Clearer... The Vision = His Strength, His Honor, Glory, Blessings

THE MORE I KNOW "OF" JESUS,
His Peace Calms My Heart in These Times Leading Up to Judgment!...

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Philippians 4:6

Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. :7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:14

But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of completeness.
And let the peace of God rule (kingdom) in your hearts,

"ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, FALL DOWN!"

Ill.) "Fall Down" – before God our Savior vv. 13-14

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"Fall Down" – before God our Savior

1st Because it's what you'll have to do v.13a

:13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying

"Because it's what you'll have to do"
"It's what you must do"
"You've got to"
"You will"

And every creature which is in heaven
(The Birds of the Air)

And every creature on the earth
(Elephants to Ants)

and every creature under the earth
(Groundhogs too ????)

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, :21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. :22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, :23 and changed (succeeded at deceiving themselves) the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. – evolution!

Reckless, Abandonment in Worship is Needed

There'll Be No Atheist Standing Around Then (if you're an atheist this morning - you're a dying breed)

Verse 13a

...I heard saying and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them (From Minnows to Whales)

North Shore Shark Cage and Finding Nemo

What Does The Bible Say About Reckless Worship?

Luke 19:37

Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, **the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice** for all the mighty works they had seen, :38 saying: " *Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!* Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"...

Isaiah 55:11

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it. :12 "For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing before you, And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.

I Personally Believe That When The Lord Comes
Each Leaf on Every Tree, Will Begin to Clap Together

"Fall Down" – before God our Savior

2nd Because God the Father is to be adored v.13b

I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne..."

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Philippians 2:9

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, :10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, :11 and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must (deion = there is no other way) be saved."

Psalms 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in the heights! :2 Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him, all His hosts! :3 Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light! :4 Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens! :5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For He commanded and they were created. :6 He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. :7 Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths; :8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds; Stormy wind, fulfilling His word; :9 Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees and all cedars; :10 Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things and flying fowl; :11 Kings of the earth and all peoples; Princes and all judges of the earth; :12 Both young men and maidens; Old men and children. :13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted; His glory *is* above the earth and heaven. :14 And He has exalted the horn of His people, The praise of all His saints— Of the children of Israel, A people near to Him. Praise the LORD!

"Fall Down" – before God our Savior

3rd Because God the Son lives forever and ever v.13-14

, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

“To the Lamb, Forever and Ever!”

Daniel 7:13

I saw in the night visions, and, behold... the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days (God the Father), and they brought him (God the Son, Jesus Christ) near before him (God the Father). :14 And there was given him (God the Son) dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom, shall never be destroyed.

The Meaning of this Passage to Us, Must be This;

1. That We Must Worship our God!
2. That Our Worship is Christ Centered!
3. That It is Tithes and Offerings of Time and Resources!
4. That We Make it The Priority of Our Christianity!

“ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, FALL DOWN!”

To You Who Consider This To Be Your Church, An Exhortation is
in Order

Attendance and Worship

(what in the world are you doing?)

(what are you doing in the world?)

END OF STUDY