

Serving Him Day and Night!

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Luke 18:1 we *must always pray and not lose heart*
Luke 18:6 *Hear what the unjust judge said*
1 Corinthians 6:20 *Ye are bought with a price:*
2 Corinthians 4:17 *our light and momentary troubles*
Romans 11:4 *I have reserved for myself 7,000 men*
Hebrews 12:2 *Looking to the author and perfecter of*

Theme: Praising God continually!

*This study: Revelation 7:1-17

1 **AV Revelation 7:1** *“And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.”*

2 Four angels at four corners are holding back four winds from blowing during the turbulent last days of the earth.

3 The angels are at extreme positions and are commanded to withhold further judgments until God’s servants are *sealed*. There is another angel *having the seal of the living God*.

4 This is an interlude between the opening of the sixth and seventh seal judgments. God is preparing to send His servants to proclaim the Gospel of His kingdom to a world that is running out of time.

5 Following the first *six seals* ministering spirits await orders to release *four winds*—God’s wrath.

6 **AV Revelation 7:2** *“And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four*

angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

7 **3** *Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”*

8 A *seal* in those days was a *mark of ownership* and protection—reminding us **AV 1 Corinthians 6:20** *“Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.”* We are to always serve God by Christlike ways and attitudes toward everyone.

9 The 144,000 are all Israelites from the 12 tribes who have been converted and commissioned to witness to Gentiles during the Tribulation.

10 God appoints this special group to proclaim the Gospel to those left behind. **Revelation 14:3** they **4 NKJV** *“Follow the Lamb wherever He goes.”*

11 **NLT Revelation 7:4** *“And I heard how many were marked with the seal of God. There were 144,000 who were sealed from all the tribes of Israel: 5 from Judah 12,000; from Reuben 12,000; from Gad; 6 from Asher; from Naphtali; and Manasseh;*

12 7 from Simeon; from Levi; from Issachar; 8 from Zebulun; from Joseph; and from Benjamin.”

13 Many places in the Bible tell us that a remnant of Jews will be saved because they refuse to worship false gods. **AV Romans 11:4** *“I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.”*

14 In spite of the Antichrist’s hatred of these 144,000 witnesses, he cannot harm them because they have divine protection. They proclaim God’s Truth to the world—giving a final opportunity for a rebellious world to repent and be saved.

15 Jesus said **AV Matthew 24:14** *“This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a*

witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come”—reminding us that *now* is the *time* to repent; *now* is the *day* to confess our sins; and *now* is the *hour* to be ready.

16 The result of the testimony of the 144,000 is that many do repent and turn to God.

17 **NKJV Revelation 7:9** *“After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands,*

18 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

19 It reminds us to take God’s Truth seriously and to live it more seriously—as the Holy Spirit inspires us to do that. It is the only way we can be a witness to those around us—at work; with our neighbors; and anywhere God gives us the opportunity.

20 We run this race of life with endurance to eventually obtain an eternal crown—one that will never tarnish, perish, or fade. **AV Hebrews 12:2** *“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.”* Our faith and trust on God must never diminish, perish, or fade.

21 The Olympic Games began in Greece and were the main sporting event of the first century. At the end of races, an emperor would give a crown of *laurel leaves* to the winner.

22 This crown was not silver or gold but highly prized by every participant. Wanting this crown gave the runners the motivation to do their best.

23 The Christian race does not meet the emperor at the end but meets the King of kings and Lord of

lords—One who *paid* for our sins so we could receive a crown of life by faith in His sacrifice.

24 Trials, troubles, and tests met scripturally just prepare us for something far greater than a gold medal. **NIV 2 Corinthians 4:17** “*For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.*”

25 Jesus not only wants us to meet Him at the end of this world, but He is *with us* every step of the way—encouraging us through His words to *stay* the course and not allow the devil to distract us from the goal ahead. The followers of Christ **WEY Luke 18:1** “*must always pray and never lose heart.*”

26 That parable was about the woman who *kept asking* an unjust judge for what she needed until he finally gave it to her.

27 Jesus *then* said **NKJV Luke 18:6**, “*Hear what the unjust judge said;*” and the judge said **NKJV 5** “*Because this widow troubles me I will avenge her.*”

28 We must *persist* in our prayers to God and He will avenge us against our enemy, the devil.

29 **NKJV Revelation 7:11** “*All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,*

30 **12** *saying: “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, Be to our God forever and ever. Amen.”*

31 God is on the center throne with Jesus at His right hand. The four living beings are near the throne with the twenty-four elders—who represent all true believers.

32 Angels encircle the throne and bow before God in reverence and worship. “*Amen*” means “*So be it, Lord*” to sincere praise and worship of God.

33 **AV Revelation 7:13** “*And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?*”

34 **14** *And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*”

35 The elder represents the true church and already knows who these are. Those “*arrayed in white robes*” would have been through various trials and tribulations but kept their faith and trust on the Blood of the Lamb.

36 The apostle writes to believers—saying **NKJV 1 Thessalonians 1:9** “*how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,*

37 **10** *and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*”

38 We are to persist in keeping our faith and trust on the Blood of Jesus for everything and concerning every issue facing us today—health, healing, daily finances, a Christlike demeanor toward everyone, every day, and with every interaction with others.

39 **AV Revelation 7:15** “*Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.*”

40 As we remain committed to following Jesus, we are also promised a place before the throne—being in the presence of God forever and ever!

41 He *purchased* our life on earth, and He *paid* for our place in Heaven!

42 Our focus and our goal is to finish this race—**YLT Hebrews 12:2** “*Looking to the author and*

perfecter of faith—Jesus”—keeping our eyes on Him because He “*Did endure a cross, shame having despised, on the right hand also of the throne of God did sit down.*”

43 **AV Revelation 7:16** “*They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.*”

44 It is what the prophet predicted—**AV Isaiah 49:10** “*They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them.*”

45 Everything we say, or do, or decide is to bring glory to God—We are to practice *now* for what we will be doing *forever*!

46 Protection is promised when we trust God and actively place ourselves under the Blood of the cross.

47 **AV Revelation 7:17** “*For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*”

48 There are tears on earth, but none in Heaven—and the *protection* God promises includes an *eternal* promise for the believer—**AV Psalm 23:6** “*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*”

49 That is why we are ***Serving God Day and Night*** by the words we use, by the attitudes we keep, and by the treatment we give to everyone around us!



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