**Sermon Notes January 8, 2023**

**Series**: Revelation

**Sermon**: Worship on Earth as in Heaven

**Scripture**: Revelation 5:9-10, 14:1-5, Psalm 149:1-9, Matthew 5:28, 1 Thessalonians 4:17

**Summary**: Imagine if we were to worship like the 144,000 souls standing before the Throne of God.

**Read**: Revelation 14:1-5

As we read chapter 14 the Lord provides more guidance and understanding about how we can utilize these verses regarding end times prophecy to model daily, Christian living.

1. **The 144,000 on Mt. Zion**
   1. Revelation 14:1-5
      1. John is seeing these things with his own eyes.
      2. The lamb, Jesus, is sitting on Mt. Zion.
      3. Mt. Zion refers to the dwelling place of God. The third heaven.
   2. Who are the 144,000?
      1. They are the laborers killed in chapter 7 for God’s Word.
      2. They are rescued from earth after the testimony of the two witnesses.
      3. They accepted Jesus AFTER the rapture.
      4. Represent 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes of Judah.
   3. More than 144,00 will be saved after the rapture
      1. However, these souls are overjoyed, privileged, and honored due to their devotion to Jesus.
2. **There is Worship in Heaven**
   1. The 144, 000 are singing a new song.
      1. No one but them can sing this song.
      2. Psalm 149:1-9
         1. Scripture reveals new songs being sung to God on 9 different occasions.
      3. Revelation 5:9-10
         1. These souls praising God are not filled with sin.
         2. These 144,000 protected their hearts and eyes from what entered the body.
      4. We too, must also be faithful to guard ourselves against what the world would have us participate in.
   2. The 144,000 follow Jesus in death just as they had in life.
      1. 1 Thessalonians 4:17
      2. We too can be with Jesus, as he promised, for all eternity if we’re faithful on this side of death.
   3. Jesus wipes away all sin.
      1. Because there is no sin in them reinforces this promise of Jesus.
      2. Because of this they are being offered as living sacrifices before the Father.

**Application / Next Steps**

Would you be willing to be honored by the Lord and be offered as a first-fruit? Imagine for a moment, that Jesus is so proud of your life and the way you have lived, that He offers you as a living sacrifice to His Father. These souls lived a life honorable to God following the rapture and disappearance of millions… their lives were lived in a sick, sadistic… if it feels good… do it world. So honorable… they were offered up to God first.

Can that be said about you?

Can your life be offered to the Father as a first-fruit by His Son?

Would Jesus be proud to give you as an offering?

We have this example to live our lives by, and if we are failing to live this way… Are we seeking the transformation that only comes through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit?