

# ***THE SEAL OF THE LIVING GOD***

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## ***Revelation Chapter Seven***

Verse:

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. *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.*
3. *Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*
4. *And I heard the number of them, which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel.*
5. *Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.*
6. *Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Nephtalim were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.*
7. *Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.*
8. *Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand. Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.*
9. *After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;*
10. *And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.*
11. *And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,*
12. *Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.*
13. *And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these that are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they?*
14. *And I said unto him, Sir, you know. 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.*
15. *Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sits on the throne shall dwell among them.*

16. *They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sunlight on them, nor any heat.*
17. *For the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and it shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*

Vs 1 “*And after these things*”, the word after literally is “amid”, or during these things that just transpired in chapter six. “*I saw four angels.*” Four speaks of complete. So if we see four we are not literally seeing four individual people necessarily are we. So I see the complete messenger. The complete angel or the complete messenger. So I wonder who this complete messenger might be. It is the Christ. In some places here it is Jesus the Christ, the man who walked upon the earth, and in other places it is Christ the Corporate Son. Here in this first verse he said he saw the four messengers (or the complete messengers). I see this as the Christ, the Corporate Son *standing on the four corners of the earth holding the four winds, or literally restraining the four winds of the earth. In order that the winds should not blow upon the earth, nor the sea, nor any tree.* What is this speaking of here? “*The winds should not blow*”; what is the winds? It is the Holy Spirit. The messenger is saying, “Don’t blow on the earth”. The earth represents “flesh”. It is the lowest realm of the earth. He says not to blow on the sea. The sea represents the “multitude of people”. He says not to blow on any tree. Literally “any” is all. So he’s saying, “Don’t do anything until the Spirit has given command.” So nothing goes on until this complete messenger gives the word and says, “DO IT”. Nothing goes on without God’s control.

Vs 2 “*And I saw another angel ascending from the east.*” The angel was ascending from the east and the east always speaks of spiritual arising. Where does the sun rise? The east. The Christ rises from the east. When this is speaking about the east it is speaking about the Christ rising up in people. This book is about the Christ being revealed is it not? The Apocalypse, the unveiling of Christ in you. So we can see some things corporate or as individual. As a person we have to see this individually in our lives that God has taken control of things and has set this whole thing up. As He sets it up then He starts to release these different things in our lives. So this one comes out of the east “*having the seal (or Spirit) of the living God:*” Now ***who could that possibly be? THE CHRIST.*** The word “seal” in the verse has another word that it represents in symbolism. What does the word seal represent? Seal represents Spirit. So it says, “*having the seal of the living God*” and that is Christ. “*And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels (or the mature messengers, the complete messengers) to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,*” Do you know what that represents? What do the earth and the sea represent? The first two covenants.

What is the earth? The dust realm. What is the sea? What lies around the rim of the sea? Sand and that is the second covenant. So the first two covenants are what he is speaking of here. So authority was given to hurt the earth (the dust) and the sand, the second covenant, the sea. So why do you think it says so many times in this Book of Revelation “woe unto the inhabitants of the earth”. The sea, the sand and the dust of the earth are located where? On the earth. Where is the star covenant? In the heavenlies, in the Spirit realm. When we are in the Spirit, this serpent that is in the mind of humanity cannot touch you when your mind is in the heavenlies. That is what God keeps trying to express to us. We must ascend into the heavenlies to be free. When Paul was in prison in the first century when he was going through all the things he was going through. How do you think he could sit in prison after he had been beaten with a cat of nine tails? He was cut to ribbons, put in the bottom of the prison where the people above him was urinating and defecating on them. He was in the lowest pit and he could sit there and worship God. Do you think it was in flesh? His mind had ascended to the heavenlies. He had experienced walking into the Holy of Holies and we can do the same thing today. So no matter what your circumstances, if they throw you in prison, if they beat you up, if they burn your houses, if they rob everything you have, you can still be seated in the heavenlies. It is not about material things. Like someone spoke of earlier today about his car that he realized that it was just a hunk of steel and plastic and it meant nothing. In the scope of everything it is just a grain of sand, a little piece of dust. It means nothing. We need to get our mind adjusted into the heavenlies and forget about the dust and sand. Those are just things that we walk through. So anyway in this verse the Christ has said, “You don’t do anything until I give the okay.”

Vs 3 *“Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.”* Now He just spoke about the sea, the trees, and the earth. He said, “Now see that you don’t hurt these until we sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads”. Doesn’t that tell you something? What do you think the sea, the earth and the trees are? It is speaking of humanity. He said don’t hurt the sea, the earth and the trees until WE SEALED THEM. That tells you something. That the earth, the sea, and the trees are all realms of the flesh, or different realms of the Spirit moving into God. Now he puts a tree in this verse to represent the overcomer. Where does a tree stand in relation to the earth? It stands way above it doesn’t it? So it represents the overcomer. He says, “You don’t do anything until we’ve sealed the servants of our God in their forehead”. Let’s look at Rev. 14:1 so you can see it. The job is finished over here. It explains a little about what is taken place in their lives. He said, *“I looked and, lo, a Lamb stood on Mt Zion.”* Mt Zion is the highest realm. There are three mountains in

Jerusalem. Ophel, Moriah, and Zion. *“And with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father’s name written in their forehead”*. Now if you will look back to what we just read in chapter 7 verse four through eight there were twelve tribes and twelve thousand from each tribe and if you total that up what will that be? One hundred and forty-four thousand. So he is speaking about the same group of people. Let’s finish verse one of chapter 14. *“And they had their Father’s name written in their forehead”*. The word “name” here is the Greek word “onoma”, it means character, nature. So the character of God was written in their mind. If your mind is written with the nature of God, how will you react? Just like God. That is why God doesn’t have a problem, turning over to His Sons, the control of His Kingdom. Why? Because they have His mind and you can’t think anything differently than what God wants, can you? Because the only thing you want is what He wants. It doesn’t mean we have to run to Father and say, “Father what do you want me to do today?” If you have His mind you will have understanding, you will have communication, and you will know what to do when the time comes. I used to be there and I thought before I could minister that I had to hide out in a room and pray for an hour or I would be defiled. That I had to get everything off of me so I could preach. That is not true. If God is God and He dwells in the temple He can speak any time He wants to. I can’t limit Him. I can’t defile God. God can’t be defiled can He? That is what Religion had taught me. Most of your ministries, your big high priced ministries, run around and comes in the back door, or they might come in the front door after everyone has been seated so they can make their entrance. They come in and they preach their great big glorious messages and they duck out the back door and you never seen them (except they pick up their check and they go out the door). You see they don’t want to be defiled by the “common people”. You see they don’t realize without the common people, or what they call the “common people” they wouldn’t have a job, but they are too high in the loop to see anything in you except a way for a meal ticket and that is wrong. God says that He is *no respecter of persons*.

In chapter fourteen verse two it says, *“And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters (that’s the multitude of people) and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps (praise and worship, true worship, Spiritual worship). Vs 3 “And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, (that is the complete Godman) and the elders (which is the same thing) and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty-four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth”*. (That is the same as the complete Godman and the elders) Vs 4 *“These were they which were not defiled with women”*. Not defiled with what? (Churches, the church realm, the Babylonian system). These are they that are not defiled with the

“Religious system”. The women represents the church. It is the soulish realm where they are virgins. *“These are they that follow the Lamb whithersoever”*. Whithersoever they want to go? No. You see we have got to follow Him wherever He goes. Jesus from the very pattern, when He walked His life, He never said, “You all get out there and go where I told you to go”, did He? He said, “Follow me. Pick up your cross and follow me.” So that means if we are going to be an example of Christ in the earth; what do we have to do today? We have to pick up our cross and follow the same pattern that He followed. You see we don’t have to come up with some new idea to try to hoodwink people to come to church. That is not what it is about. If they don’t want to come to church, what should they do? Stay home. If that is what is in your heart then that is what you should do. Just coming to church will not earn any points with God. It has got to be what is in your heart. If we have any understanding of God at all we should not be upset with people if they don’t come. Religion will get mad at people when they don’t show up. If it is not in your heart don’t do it! We had ministry here once that told about the Pentecostal lady that was wanting to go to Joe’s bar and grill and dance all night on a Friday night, but yet she was being right there in church because they were having a religious service. She had to be right there because the church door was open. She told the minister that night that she had always had the desire to be down at Joe’s bar and grill on Friday night, but she just couldn’t give up those Friday night services. She didn’t want to miss because she felt she would go to hell for that. The minister told her, “Lady if your heart is at Joe’s Bar and Grill you shouldn’t be here, go on down there and dance.” Some people would take offense at that, but if that is where her heart was at, what good was it doing her at the meetings? You see *He weighs the thoughts and intent of your heart*. If your body is here and your heart is down at the bar, go to the bar. That is where your hearts at. Forget about all this religious stuff that you do because that is not what it is about. It is about WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART. Can you understand that? I’m not telling anyone to go to the bars. I’m telling you to do what is in your heart. I did not write it in your heart did I? Okay, so guess what? It’s all about you doing what you are supposed to be doing.

In this verse I see the pattern of the Tabernacle. In the Old Testament Tabernacle pattern we have; Outer court, Holy Place and Holy of Holies. In the New Covenant we have; Holy Place and Holy of Holies, the Outer court has been done away with. In the Book of Revelation John says, *“Do not measure the outer court for it has been turned over to the Gentiles”*. I won’t go into depth in this. It was something that I saw in this. So let’s go back to Rev. 7:3. It said *hurt not the earth, nor the sea or trees till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads (or in their minds)*. In Ephesians chapter one it says *that we were chosen in Him before*

*the foundation of the world.* This is the Sons being chosen and selected before the foundation of the world. It's not YOU choosing. It is God's choosing isn't it? It's His divine selection of the Sons of God.

Vs 4 *“And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children (or from out of all the Sons) of Israel.”* So there were one hundred and forty four thousand sealed from out of all the tribes, or literally the Sons. The word children in this verse is *huios* in the Greek, and it means the “mature sons”. The Mature Son speaks of Christ. So these are the Christ Sons. FIRST FRUIT. In Gal. 6: 15-16, *“For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as “walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.”* Now if he hadn't said that we would have thought that everything of Israel is of God, wouldn't we? But he said, “peace be on the Israel of God.” If there is an Israel of God then there must be an Israel that is not of God. There are a lot of people that say they are, but they are not. It can be the Isaac and the Ishmael principle. I call it “wanna be's”. There are people who are in church not because of the love of God, but for fear that they are going to hell, fear of punishment. That is no reason to come to God. I am not telling anyone to leave. I am just saying the reason you come to church is for one reason, because God loves us and in return of Him loving us we love Him. The book says, *“He first loved us when we were yet astray”.* So in return because He has given us so much love, we do what? We love Him back. That is the only reason to come to God. In verses 5,6,7, and 8 I see something. I will tell you what the names in these verses mean. There are twelve tribes. There are twelve sons. There is something going on here. It is twelve experiences that you will experience in God. These twelve sons you see here are not the same twelve sons that you will read about in Genesis chapter 49. They are not the same. It is a different order and some of them are excluded. Dan is not there. What does “Dan” represent? Judgment. So you see there is not judgment. Imagine that. Christ is the Judge isn't He? I can see that as a realm of the church where there is not judgment. That is a positive and a negative. There needs to be judgment, but it needs to be righteous judgment. Today the churches are set up to where there is no judgment, period. So guess what if there is no judgment, nothing will ever change will it? We have got in our mind because humanity has placed it in our mind through our intellect, that doing something bad is “really bad” and you should be marked for life and you should have a stigma for life and it can never be forgiven. You are marked as a criminal when you do something. That is not what it is about. God gave us mistakes. It is a gift to you. He gave you the ability to make mistakes. He could have made you that you could never make a mistake

couldn't He? "God knows the thoughts and intents of the heart". He has already forgiven all sin upon the face of the earth. When Jesus died He died for the sins of the whole world. Who does that leave out? What sin would His death forget? NONE. Someone says, "what about suicide?" That is what the world has taught us. It says that suicide is an unforgivable sin. There is no such thing as the "unforgivable sin". In the book of Matthew it says, "*If you blaspheme the Holy Ghost you will not be forgiven in this world or the world to come.*" The word "come" is literally the word "age". It is a period of time. So it should say, "you would not be forgiven in this age or the age to come." Now did that say it was the end of the ages? There is something beyond there. There is forgiveness for everything. God is a God of forgiveness is that true? He said He would forgive all manner of sin in that same passage. So what does that leave out? God would tell you "you must forgive everybody that does you wrong." The bible teaches that you must forgive all trespasses from your brother. If God didn't forgive you of all your trespasses, He would be requiring of you to be more Holy than Him. Could that possibly be? Do you think that God wouldn't forgive all? How could He not forgive all? He tells you to forgive all, right? So wouldn't He have to forgive all? He would be obligated by His nature; if He tells you to be that way then God would have to be also, because He says, "Follow me". He didn't tell you to be better than Him did He? That is just some of those things that Religion has pitched out there to you, and that dust sticks to you all the time doesn't it? Okay I was speaking about the twelve tribes, or the twelve experiences with God. The judgment is not in church any longer. In Genesis chapter 49, let us look there for the first experience in this. The twelve tribes were revealed and Jacob called his sons together to prophecy unto them the things that would happen to them in the latter days. The first-born son was Reuben. His name means, "behold the son". In your experience with God what is the first thing you do? You behold the son, Jesus. Now there is something wrong with that. There is something wrong with just beholding the Son. There are eleven more experiences waiting down the road isn't there? If we sit there we have a problem, and that is where the biggest part of Christianity today is sitting. In this first realm. They just behold the "Son". They just like to say, "Oh, Jesus is so sweet and that picture of Him is so beautiful. Oh that is so terrible that He was on that cross." Well He went to that cross with joy in His heart. He didn't go weeping. His flesh cried, but His Spirit was rejoicing for the joy that was set before Him. I'm not sad that Jesus went to the cross. I'm happy. Because if He hadn't we would be in a real mess today. He set it in order and I understand what was going on. Let's look at verse three in chapter 49, "*Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity and the excellency of power.*" But look at verse four: "*Unstable as water you shall not excel;*" Why did he not excel? He did not excel

because he went into his father's couch. He went and slept with His stepmother, in the natural, but in the Spiritual what is this saying? He was unfaithful to God. He slipped around and did things that he shouldn't have done. So as long as we stay in the realm of just "looking at Jesus, just seeing the Son", we will be unstable.

Vs 5 "*Simeon and Levi are brothers; instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.*" Simeon speaks of a place of hearing. It speaks of the baptism of the Spirit, which is necessary in our lives. God didn't throw out this baptism of the Holy Spirit out here just so there would be something to have a controversy about or to discuss in intellectual discussions. It is something to be in our lives. It is the power of God in our life. We can't just take it as some intellectual thing. This is Spiritual and it is a key into our lives. Simeon and Levi are brothers. Levi speaks of the gifts, the ministries. So when we receive the baptism of the Spirit guess what comes with it because they are brethren? The gifts come with the Spirit. I just taught in our last meeting that when you get the "gift giver" what do you get? Everything. You see the gifts come with the gift giver. The gifts are not the important thing. He says, "*they are instruments of cruelty and are in their habitations.*" Literally they are attached to them, or they are joined to them. Do you know why? Because they have not been changed as yet. You see you can take a vessel and you can wash the outside of it and you can stick the gift inside of it, but it is still the same vessel. You see the vessel has not been changed yet. Many people believe that when they come to the baptism of the Spirit, now they have been sealed yes, but have they been changed in their thinking process. I know people that never knew anything about God, I've witnessed to them, prayed with them and immediately they began speaking in tongues and I never told them one thing about the Holy Ghost. Do you think that person has any change in their mind? It is the same mind that they started with just a few minutes before, but one little thing changed and opened it up, but it did not change their thinking to where they were thinking with the mind of Christ yet did it? They still have it. You see that *cruelty is still in their habitation.* Where is cruelty located? It is in the mind, or heart of man. In Jeremiah 17:9 it says, "*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?*" Gen. 49:8 "*Judah (meaning praise, celebration) thou art he whom you brethren shall praise: your hand shall be in the neck of your enemies; your father's children shall bow down before you.*" Vs 13 "*Zebulun (meaning exalted or a higher habitation) shall dwell at the haven of the sea; and he shall be for an haven of ships; and his border shall be unto Zidon.*" Vs 15 "*Isachar*" (meaning there is a recompense, he shall bring a reward). Who is going to bring it? When we come to that place there comes a place where we have a reward. Vs 16 "*Dan*" (meaning the judge). The book says that Jesus the Son is the judge. Vs 17 "*Dan shall be a serpent by the way*". Even though he is part of it

he shall be a what? Serpent. Guess what? The serpent is the one doing the judging today. Everyone wants to use judgment as a punishment and not a corrective measure. That is the serpent part of it. It bites you when it shouldn't. You see Christ crushed the serpent's head he doesn't have the ability to bite you any longer. That is what this is speaking about. You see the world is still putting that bite in judgment instead of doing it for correction. It should be judging for correction to restore and reconcile people and not to destroy them. The church has got it all wrong.

Vs 19 "*Gad*" (it speaks of body life when you really start coming together). Vs 20 "*Asher*" (meaning happy and it speaks of level emotions, there is anointing revealed in your life) It can also mean that you are a thermostat and not a thermometer. What does a thermometer do? It tells you the temperature. What does a thermostat do? It controls the temperature. You see you are supposed to be the light of the earth. You are supposed to be the salt of the earth. You are supposed to control things. If you walk into a group of people and they are cussing and telling dirty jokes just change it. You walk in and they are telling dirty jokes, just say, "Well bless the Lord. If you can cuss, I can bless God." You see I can do that and you can too. You don't have to sit there and listen to that stuff do you? Vs 21 "*Naphtali*" (it means my wrestling). Does that bring anything back to you? Remember Jacob wrestled with God, but you know what there is more. We can go deeper than that. Do you know why? Because a lot of times our wrestling is with man. It is not with God. Sometimes we'll get over our wrestling with God and we will turn right around and wrestle with man again. So we need to come to a place where "my wrestling" is done away with. Would you believe maybe that might mean, "be anxious for nothing"? You see just don't wrestle with anything. Vs 22 "*Joseph*" he was the eleventh son (meaning fruitful, add to life, a vine going over the wall). Vs 27 "*Benjamin*" the twelfth son (meaning, son of my right hand, attaining the full power and authority in God). Out of the sons that I mentioned or all of these experiences, only eleven and twelve are full blood brothers. The others are half brothers. Imagine that. Most of the church today is half-brothers at best in Spirit. I gave you just a brief overview of these twelve brothers, or twelve experiences, but this is not the point of what I want to touch on, but Reuben is "behold the son". It is you seeing the Christ in your life, seeing yourself as "The Son". Simeon again is a place of hearing. It can be a place of not hearing when we come to the Pentecostal realm, because many lose their hearing there. It is "hearing intelligently for action". Levi is joined together which speaks of the "gifts". Judah again is praise, or true faith and trust in God. Zebulan is the body life or habitation. Issachar is the reward. You become a bond slave. You die to yourself out here. You are "sold out" there is no compromise. Dan is the judge, the righteous judgment, John 7:22 "*all judgment is given unto the Son*", the mind

of Christ, the judgment of Christ for reconciliation. Gad is the over comer, it's when you become a troop, or a band of warriors, the corporate Son becomes one. Asher is the level emotions; the anointing in your life really begins to come together here. Naphtali is the wrestling with God or man. Joseph is the fruitful add to life person, the vine going over the wall. Benjamin is the son of my right hand. It is where you attain to the full power and authority as the Son of God. Now I skipped over some of the verses and read to you what some of these names mean. What do you think is going on here in these twelve things or experiences? It is a growing, a walk to maturity, it is part of the harvest in YOUR life. The first thing God has to do is do what? Pick First Fruit. The First Fruit are the one hundred and forty four thousand. It is not a literal number. It is a Spiritual number. It is a great, great number that He says no one can even number. It is not a literal 144,000, but this is the First Fruit. What does twelve represent in scripture? The government of God. So he says 12 x 12. What does that represent? 144 x 1000. So we have 144,000, which are just a large number, but it is a witness. That 12 x 12 is just a witness of the government of God. It is a witness of the government of God where? In the earthen vessels. It is a witness here, in us, that God has placed His authority and ruling power in the heavenlies into the earthly people.

Lets go back now to verse 9 in Revelation: *“And after this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; Now after these 144,000 then what happened? There was a great multitude. Tell me what that is. This is the great harvest. This is the big harvest. We've got the First Fruit in the 144,000. The next part of harvest is the big harvest isn't it? The last part is called the gleaning. You see this is the big harvest of all humanity. There is always a gleaning for some who want to be “hard headed or ones who want to chew their tongues”. It says they are clothed in white robes, which represents the “righteousness of Christ”. It says they have palms in their hands. Palms always represent “victory and worship”. They worshipped with the palm. When Jesus came in riding on that donkey they were throwing palms down at Him. They were throwing them showing that He was a victorious King coming into a city and they were worshipping Him in that. Vs 10 *“And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God.”* The words “to our” are incorrect in this text. It should read, “Is of our God”. God doesn't need salvation does He? He is Salvation. Our Salvation is of God. It is coming from Him. This reads “Salvation to our God” it leads one to believe that He (God) needs salvation. He (God) is Salvation! *“Which sits upon the throne and unto the Lamb”.* The word “unto” is italicized in this verse and it shouldn't even be there. It should be *“And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation is of our God which**

*sits upon the throne and the Lamb.*” Jesus and the Father are one aren’t they? They are both sitting on the throne. This is speaking of the same thing.

Vs 11 *“And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders (twenty-four elders) and the four beasts”*. The twenty-four elders again represent what?  $6 \times 4=24$  or what? It is humanity completed. Humanity completed is the mature Sons of God. It is the same as the four beasts, or the complete God man. It is the same thing. It is still the corporate son. *“And fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God”*. This is the true sign of the mature son, the corporate son. They will fall before the throne on their faces in humility and worship God. The greatest form of worship is imitation. We are to be just like Him.

Vs 12 *“Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen”* The words “be unto our God” are incorrect, in the language it should read, “be our God” not be unto our God. God already possesses these things doesn’t He? He doesn’t need anything like this from us does He? What do we have to give to Him? He’s got it. The “forever and ever” is “into the age of ages. Amen.

Vs 13 *“And one of the elders answered, saying to me, What (not “what”, but who) are these which are arrayed in white robes? And where did they come from? Who are these people in white robes? Who are you? Adam? Who are these people? They are wild. Who are they? Now hear who is speaking. Let’s look at the next verse. John is speaking.*

Vs 14 *“And I said unto him, Sir, The word is not “Sir”, but the word is Lord. So it should read, “Lord you know”*. So guess who was just talking to John? The Lord was speaking to him. The King James language twists this around until you don’t even know the context of what is going on. But the Lord was speaking to John and John says, “Lord you know”. *“And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation”*, literally the word tribulation is thlipsis (thlip`-sis) or pressure, “great pressure”. Have any of you ever had some “great pressure” in your life? This is not speaking of what the church teaches of some great period of tribulation of when the church is all taken away. It is speaking of great tribulation in our lives. It starts when we are little children. We have been put in this place to be tested since we were children. We started being tested when we were children. My life started in a test when my mother died before I was three years of age. My tests started then. I didn’t realize it then, but I realize it now. I didn’t realize that God was in my life. He took my natural mother and He became my mother. He walked me through life. He took me through all the hell of things that I

experienced. He took me through Viet Nam two times. He took me through all this “stuff”, but you see He was my Mother and my Father. He walked me through it. He started me out young. I just didn’t know what was going on in life. I did not have any intellectual understanding of God. My intellect had not grown up enough to understand what God was doing with me. My Spirit was not yet where it should be. That is what God is doing in our lives. He became my Father and my Mother. He takes you through all kinds of pressure, and once you get through this pressure look what happens. *“And have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.* Now I’m going to ask you something here. What color is blood? RED. If this is natural then how in the world can you make white out of red? You see we are NOT going to have white robes hanging on us. IT IS SUPERNATURAL. You see you don’t take something red and wash something and make it white do you? You see it is speaking of a cleansing of our hearts, and we put on the righteousness of Christ through the blood of the Lamb.

Vs 15 *“Therefore”*, in the Greek this word therefore is two words “*dia touto*” and it means “*through this thing*”. So through this thing, this thing they did, they put on the robes, or they made their robes white by washing them in the blood of the Lamb. *“Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple:* They put on their robes and they serve day and night in his temple: This word for temple is “*naos*” (nah-os’). It speaks of two things. We have two different temples here, *naos* is the Spiritual, and the other is “*hieron*” (hee-er-on’) which is the literal temple. The pattern of Moses’ tabernacle is the literal temple, one, two and three places. Outer court (Passover), Holy Place (Pentecost), and Holy of Holies (Tabernacles). If you look up the word *naos* it speaks of the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. How about that? This word isn’t speaking of one temple, or this natural temple. It speaks about two parts of the temple, the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. Look in the language. That is what it says. So it says they worship Him where? In the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. *“And he that sits on the throne shall dwell among them.”* The word “among” should be “in”. So it should read; *“and he that sits on the throne shall dwell in them.”* I Cor. 6:19, 20 it says, *“Know you not you are the temple of the living God”*. In the wilderness they carried the tabernacle with them and now we are the tabernacle wherever we go.

Vs 16 *“They shall hunger no more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.”* Now why would he say that? Why would he say that? The sun won’t light on them anymore. Sunlight and heat is basically the same thing. They come from the same source. Heat from the sun is used to bring light is it not? I don’t need it any more. I don’t need it any more. I have light!!! I don’t need to have light from

an external source any longer. Because HE IS LIVING IN ME. I don't need it any longer from an external source. It is internal. Do you know what that heat does? Heat is purification. I don't need purified any more. WHY? Because I am the purification of the Lord. I have been purified. I have been washed in HIS BLOOD, and made white. Supernaturally. It has nothing to do with me doing anything does it? You see I didn't take me and jump into a vat of blood and get washed off, He did it supernaturally. We have got to get beyond all this natural thinking.

Vs 17 "*For (or because) the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them,*" Guess what that doesn't mean I'll never desire a hamburger again. It means that my inner longing for life and peace and sustaining quality of life no longer comes external because my supply is internal and it never runs out. So why would I ever be hungering and thirsting for the righteousness and the peace of Christ **WHEN I HAVE IT!!!** You see every one of you today have that, but you have been told that you do not have it. You have been told that you are not special people and that only the special people get it. That is not true and it is inside of you right now as you read this, but you have got to believe that you have it. What does the whole covenant come from? BELIEVE. You see there has been a lot of tails wagging and the tails cast the stars from the heavens to the earth, from the Spirit realm, from the life realm to the death realm. Statements like, "you're not good enough", guess what those tails are called "false prophets" and they go around teaching that you are not good enough. They say they are only "good enough", because they are the ones teaching. **THAT IS A LIE!!** "*because the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them*" Are you not the temple? What is in the temple? The throne. Who sits on it? The Lamb. He sits on that throne. "*And shall lead them unto (not unto but it should say "to") living fountains of waters:* Now hear my heart on this, don't go somewhere on me. "I am a living fountain of water". It is the word of God. Do not take this the wrong way. I'm telling you that God has placed life within me to give to you. That is all it is. It is nothing about me. He said He would *bring them to fountains of living water*. That is all it is. God has vessels all over this nation that are fountains of LIVING WATER. They have life to give you in the words that they speak. That is what I am saying here. It is not about "this person". It is about the water that is in this vessel, because I know it is life. I know it is life first of all because it has brought life into my life and I have watched it go into other people's lives. "*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.*" Do you know why? You will never weep again. It didn't say that you wouldn't have joy. You will never weep because you will have the understanding of God's word. Your emotions will be in control. Your emotions will not be out of control. Why? I won't be upset because someone died in a car

wreck. Everyone has got to die. Scripture says, *“It is appointed unto man to die”*. Well then how could I not die? Why am I so shocked that people die? I am not hard I have seen a lot of people die in Viet Nam. I didn’t get hardened over that, but I am just not distraught because someone dies. You see because it is a part of life. If I live I must die. What is the big shock of this? You see God says, “I am going to be your sufficiency, I will feed you, I will be the sun, the moon, and the stars to you. I will be everything for you. He will be my strength. He will be my support in everything. I will realize that it is not humanity that supports me, but it is coming from within me, THE CHRIST. It has nothing to do with me. It is the Christ. Flesh will pass away and I won’t have to worry about tears anymore. I understand what God is doing. It is God’s work. Someone said earlier “it doesn’t make any difference what is going on because God is going to get what He wants”. That is part of the understanding to know He is going to take the tears from my eyes because I can’t change it. All the crocodile tears in the world will not change what God is going to do. I am not speaking about the external tears. I am speaking of our emotions being level. When he says, “There will be no more tears” it is not just literal tears. I am not saying that you will never have tears of joy or even tears of sadness in your life. That is not what he is saying here. He is speaking of a Spiritual thing about our emotions. When we cry usually it is in our emotions isn’t it? So He is going to level our emotions out to where we don’t get all emotional. We can still have tears, but we won’t have big crisis in our lives.

I can’t change God. God can’t change. If He were changeable He wouldn’t be God. We are the changeable here and we have to be changed into HIS IMAGE. It is totally different than what we think.

***May the God of Abraham (He was the God of Covenants to Abraham), Isaac (He was the God of Miracles to Isaac), and Jacob (He was the God of Change to Jacob) who is the God of the living. Make your covenant real in your life today and bring the miracles that God needs in your life to fulfill you and also the changes necessary to fulfill His plan in your life.***

***“You will stay the same until the pain of staying the same is greater than the pain of the change.”***

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