

ACTIVITY IN THE NEW WORLD

Revelation 7:9-17

Introduction:

- A. Some common questions about life in the new world
 1. *What will life be like?*
 2. *Will the constant worship of God get boring?*
- B. The context of the vision of the great multitude
 1. Scene 1 - total worship in heaven where we see the Father on the throne, the Holy Spirit before the throne, but _____ is missing. (chapter 4)
 2. Scene 2 – no one is found w_____ to take a seven-sealed scroll from the Father's hand and break them so as to reveal future events that must happen. (5:1-4)
 3. Scene 3 – Jesus becomes worthy by becoming the sacrificial L_____ and conquering death as the L_____ of Judah. The effect of this on all time is then revealed (5:5-14)
 4. Scene 4 – The breaking of the first six seals (chapter 6)
 5. Scene 5 – the s_____ of the 144,000, which must happen before the sixth seal, the Day of the Father and the Lamb's wrath (7:1-8)
- C. The great multitude
 1. Described as human beings clothed in white robes from every n_____, t_____, people, and tongue praising God for their salvation (see Rev 5:9 for this same description in a song of salvation).
 2. Two questions asked by an elder and answered (vv. 13,14)
 - a. Who are they? – answer: *those who have washed their robes and whitened them in the b_____ of the Lamb* (see whom Jesus purchased with His blood in Rev 5:9). – refers to all believers of all time.
 - b. Where are they from? – answer: *those who come out of the tribulation, the great one.*
 3. Great tribulation is only spoken of in the Bible three other places
 - a. Matt 24:21 but is not called THE great tribulation, but a great tribulation – refers to the destruction of Jerusalem

and its t_____ and did not affect people from every tribe, tongue, etc.

- b. Acts 7:11 – Stephen called an O.T. famine that affected only E_____ and the Promised Land a great tribulation.
 - c. Rev 2:22 – Jesus threatened a great tribulation on only certain people in the c_____ of Thyatira.
4. The great tribulation that all Christians experience was covered in Rev 1:9 (see message – Tribulation: The Common Christian Experience)
- a. The tribulation is in J_____
 - b. The bible teaches that all Christians will experience tribulation in this world simply because they are c_____ with Christ (John 16:33; Acts 14:22; Rom 5:3).
 - c. The Christian life is the great tribulation.
- D. The new world will be full of activity

Our Activity (9-12, 15a)

- A. Corporate w_____ in the new world
1. All redeemed human beings will stand u_____ in worship.
 2. All spiritual beings will join in worship because they had been p_____ in God's saving work.
 3. Corporate worship in this world
 - a. Is often problematic – don't like the song, don't like the tempo, hunger, hard-to-learn song, tired, not everyone is singing.
 - b. Is sometimes moving and meaningful - remember that euphoria and realize that it will be n_____ compared to what we will feel when worshipping in the new world.
- B. Ongoing s_____ to God in His temple (referring to the sanctuary, the innermost part of the temple where God's glory was displayed)
1. Rev 3:12 states that we will never leave the sanctuary.
 2. Rev 21:22 states that the L_____ is the sanctuary.
 3. Rev 22:5 states that at least part of our service will involve r_____

4. When we do what God has designed us to do, we find great satisfaction. We have been designed to s_____ God in this present world. Are you?

God's Activity (15b-17)

- A. God will spread His t_____ over us, which is a picture of provision and protection
 1. We will never h_____ or t_____ (Rev 2:7; Rev 22:2)
 2. We will have full protection from the s_____ and from excessive heat (Rev 21:23 and 22:5 does not mean that there will be no sun, but just that we will not need its l_____ because of God's brightness)
 3. He will wipe away all the t_____ caused by the awful things of the old world (death, pain, hurt, etc).
- B. The L_____ will be our shepherd
 1. A lamb never leads a flock – this reminds us that Jesus became like us (h_____) and will be forever like us.
 2. He will guide us to the springs of the water of life – this is a picture of r_____ (Ps. 23)

Conclusion

- A. The new world will be a two-way relationship of our activity toward God and His activity toward us.
- B. When you experience sufferings on this earth, let the promise of the new world move you through the pain - the sufferings of this present world is n_____ compared to the glories of the new world - Rom 8:18)
- C. When you experience great euphoria in worship and service to God in this present world, let it be a g_____ of the euphoria you will experience in the new world and inspire you to do what God has designed you to do – worship and serve Him.