

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 5:8-14

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

“ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, FALL DOWN!” – PART 1

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To tell the truth,

Was an early game show type program where a group of people would be seated as five contestants would make their way out and take their seats...

The panel would cast their individual vote as to who was telling the truth.

“Will the real Joe Christian please stand up”

SOMETHING WOULD HAVE GIVEN THEM AWAY – LIKE WORSHIP!

**To Tell The Truth -- Heaven is a place where people go who love to worship
God**

From Sea to Shining Sea & Around This World - Christians Worship

REDEMPTION BY JESUS CHRIST MEANT THAT...

I.) *Jesus has become our Salvation* vv. 1-2

1st *By Himself being God's authorized agent* v.1
2nd *By Himself alone He became our performance* v.2

II.) *He has done what no man could ever do* vv. 3-4

1st *By Jesus Christ – man's hope is restored* v.3
2nd *By Jesus Christ – man's salvation is realized* v.4

III.) *Means that – Jesus Christ has met the requirements* vv. 5-7

1st **By being faithful to the commitment to save**
2nd **By being obedient to the death of the cross**

v.5
v.6-7

Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

Revelation 5:8-14

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, GET SET, FALL DOWN!

ON YOUR MARK,

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

GET SET,

ESTABLISHING THE BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COMING BACK

FALL DOWN!

WILLFULLY APPLYING YOURSELF TO BECOME A WORSHIPPER OF ALMIGHTY GOD

ON YOUR MARK,

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

“ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, FALL DOWN!”

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

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“Mark” - the things of heaven in your sights

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

v.8

*Now when He (the Lamb – Jesus Christ) had taken the scroll,
#1 - 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.*

A Great Shift in Power is Happening Here

Now when He (the Lamb – Jesus Christ) had taken the scroll

This is an awesome and exciting moment – frankly, this could be the most important statement in the Bible because, Because There was No One found worthy in heaven or on earth...

John Wept Much!!!

JESUS STEPS FORWARD;
BECAUSE HE ALONE WAS FOUND WORTHY TO TAKE THE SCROLL!

Verse 8

*, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down **before the Lamb**,*

Jesus is the central figure

Noah Webster

States that the word “Mark” or “To Mark” means that it is the place of beginnings! It’s the port of origin for journey albeit a quick sprint, or a global journey

**Like never before –
the Christian must keep his “mark” true.**

Acts 2:24-25

Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. :25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord **always before my face**, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

And is that “Mark” The Person of Jesus Christ?

**Heaven will be, where Jesus Christ is,
And Jesus Christ is in Heaven at this Moment!**

John 14

In My Father’s house are many mansions... I will come again to take you to myself, so that where I’m at, *there* you will be also. – heaven!

Is “Jesus Christ” - your object of affection?

Matthew 6:20

but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. :21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. :22 “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. :23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great *is* that darkness!

Matthew 6:21

For where your **treasure** (**thesauros**) is, there your heart will be also.

qhsauro/β thesauros, *thay-sow-ros*; the place of deposit, the set of wealth; a reserve or treasure of affections

KEEPING THE MARK BEFORE OUR EYES !

2 Timothy 2:3-4

You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. :4 No one **engaged** in warfare **entangles** himself with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.

KEEPING THE MARK BEFORE OUR EYES !

Philippians 3:13

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, :14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

There Will Be No “Debris” in Heaven - Nothing that is worthless – my garage?

Note What’s Important in Heaven

*each of them having a harp, (instruments of praise) and golden bowls full of incense, - which are the prayers of the saints.
(praise and prayer)*

There are At least Two Things That We Send Ahead – Two Long-term Investments That will forever produce dividends in Heaven!

Worship and Prayer... There is a 3rd = *Conversion!*

Psalms 141:2

Let my prayer be set before You as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Matthew 6:21

For **where** your treasure is, **there** your heart will be also.
Is your treasure in heaven?

Where? / There!

*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.**”*

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

*: “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,**”*

Notice Who’s Not Singing Here,

The Cherubim Aren’t Singing, The Seraphim Aren’t Singing,
None of the Angels are Singing...

The “They” Who are Singing - Are all Those Who Lived Upon this Broken Down Earth,
Who had Been Lost Sinners and Who Could not save Themselves from Their Lost Condition...
-- I mean not to offend you !!!

**Angels Do Not and Cannot Sing This New Song.
There is no redemption for fallen angels.**

An angel has no knowledge of what it’s like to be forgiven of sin.
The Lord has Never asked An angel to call Him Abba, Father.
Jesus Never Called Angels “Friend”

There is Something About This Human Life of Ours, That the blackness and loneliness of the struggles
and difficulties, the nagging pain and the sorrows Will someday be pressed into a Diamond of Glory.
Deliverance from this world’s troubles will cause us to sing

- The Moon Can’t Sing God a Song.
- Jupiter in all its splendor can’t write Him a word of Praise
- Pluto can’t Pray to God

When We Worship, We Connect with Our God – Personally!

Psalm 100:4

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name.

Psalm 9:1

I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. :2 I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Psalm 35:18

I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: **I will praise thee** among the peoples!

Psalm 52:9

I will praise You forever, Because You have done *it*; And in the presence of Your saints I will wait on Your name, for *it is good*.

Psalm 57:9

I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing to You among the nations.

Psalm 118:21

I will praise You, For You have answered me, And have become my salvation.

Psalm 138:1-2

I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You. :2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

#1 - "You are worthy #2 - **to take the scroll**, And #3 - **to open its seals**; #4 - For (because) **You were slain**, #5 - you have **redeemed us** to God #6 - by **Your blood** #7 - Out of **every tribe** and #8 - **tongue** and #9 - **people** and #10 - **nation**,

Peeking Ahead to Verse 12

Revelation 5:12

...“Worthy is the Lamb **who was slain** To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!”

“Mark” - the things of heaven in your sights

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

v.10

The Song Keeps Going...

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

Some Ancient Scholars Have Said That a Better Understanding of This Reads:

*“You **have made us** (a kingdom). (priests we are) to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”*

Regardless = 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*)

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to be continued...