

DATE: Sunday, March 6, 2022 TITLE: This We Know SERIES: The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb PASSAGE: Revelation 7:1-17

**BIG IDEA**: No matter how bad it gets in the end, there are some things that always remain true.

1) God always has his \_\_\_\_\_ (v1-3)

- cf., Revelation 14:1
- cf., 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; Ephesians 1:13; 2 Timothy 2:19a

2) God always has his \_\_\_\_\_ (v4-8)

3) God always has his \_\_\_\_\_ (v9-17)

• cf., Isaiah 1:18



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#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1. Why is it comforting to know that no matter how bad things will get in the end, God has a plan, has His people, and has a purpose? How does remembering this truth while studying Revelation prevent you from falling into despair about the trials to come?
- 2. Describe the two visions recorded in chapter 7.
- 3. Rev 7:3 mentions God's people as "the servants of our God." If God has raptured the church by this point in time, who are these people, and how did they come to belong to God? (Pull from what you have learned thus far in this sermon series to formulate your answer.)
- 4. Rev 7:3 uses an important time word: *until*. What does the use of this word communicate about God's plan and provision for His people? When does this word place these events on the end-times timeline? (I.e., This is after the rapture but before what?)
- 5. Read Rev 13:17, 14:11, 16:2, 19:20. What is different about the seal used in Rev 7:3?
- 6. God sets aside 144,000 people that he will use to spread the gospel during the Tribulation. What does this tell you about God?
- 7. Who is present in John's second vision (v9-17)? What is happening? When does the phrase 'coming out of' indicate that this second vision is taking place (v14)?
- The worshippers "have washed their clothes and made them white in the blood of the lamb" (v14). What does the paradox of blood making robes white represent? See Isaiah 1:18 and 1 John 1:7.
- 9. Read verses 9-17 again. How does this glimpse into the glory of Heaven encourage you?

# THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON:

- He is the living God who seals us (v2; see also 2 Cor 1:21-22; Eph 1:13; 2 Tim 2:19a)
- God sets aside people for himself (v3-8)
- God is seated on his throne (v9)
- Father and Son are worthy to be worshipped (v9-12)
- Salvation belongs to Father and Son (v10)
- The blood of the Lamb purifies from sin (v14)
- God is worthy to be served (v15)
- God shelters his people with his presence (v15)
- God provides for his people and protects them (v16)
- Jesus shepherds and satisfies his people (v17)
- God wipes every tear from their eyes (v17)

## **REVERENCE**:

- Lord, we worship you because ...
- God, salvation belongs to you! Thank you for saving me from . . .
- God, you are seated on your throne, and you have authority over . . .

### **RESPONSE**:

- Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner . . .
- Lord, you shed your blood for my sins; please purify me from . . .
- Lord, I confess I haven't always trusted you to shepherd me when . . .

## **REQUEST**:

- Father, I'm concerned about \_\_\_\_\_; please shelter me with your presence
- Lord, I pray for the salvation of \_\_\_\_\_; please wash them clean by the blood of the Lamb
- Father, help me to believe you will provide for . . .
- Father, it's hard for me right now to \_\_\_\_\_; help me to believe that you care and that you will wipe every tear from my eyes

## **READINESS**:

- Lord, you have sealed me for your glory; I will serve you even when . . .
- Lord, give me courage to go and share the gospel with \_\_\_\_\_
- Lord, I will seek my satisfaction in you despite . . .