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Lesson 8

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In the Psalms: Part 1

SABBATH AFTERNOON

Read for This Week's Study: Heb. 9:11–15, Psalm 122, Psalm 15, Psalm 24, Exod. 33:18–23, Psalm 5, Ps. 51:7–15.

Memory Text: "Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads" (Revelation 14:1, NKJV).

MONDAY

May 19

On Mount Zion

READ

In Revelation 14, we find God's people standing on Mount Zion. The original Mount Zion was located just west of the old city of Jerusalem today and was thought of as the seat of God's throne, or presence, among His people. In time, the temple mount, located on Mount Moriah, came to be identified with Mount Zion, as well.

In other words, this important depiction of God's last-day remnant is presented in sanctuary language, as with most of the key scenes in the book of Revelation.

Thanks to the Lamb, God's people are on His holy hill!

Read Psalms 15 and 24, where David asks an all-important question: "Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" Compare his reply in these Psalms with the description of the people standing on Zion in Revelation 14:1–5. What parallels do you find? How does one join this group? What is the significance of the fact that the Father's name is inscribed in their foreheads? (Rev. 14:1).

Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

Psalms 15:1-2 1 Lord, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart;

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Rom 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

]]> we can understand that is not only that God forgives us he wants us by his Grace to walk uprightly and do works of righteousness.

Psalms 15:3 He *who* does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

He who has clean hands and a pure heart

Psalms 24: 3 Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who may stand in His holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

Question: How do get clean hands and a pure heart?

Answer: Remember all our righteousness are as filthy rags!

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all like an unclean *thing*, And all our righteousnesses *are* like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

Psalms 24:5 He shall receive blessing from the Lord, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

not having mine own righteousness

Php 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

The description of those permitted into the presence of God found in David's Psalm is a pretty tall order for mere sinners to fulfill. Who among us can honestly say that we have always walked uprightly? Or have always spoken the truth in our hearts (Ps. 15:2)? None of us can say that we "shall never be moved" (Ps. 15:5, NKJV). **If we say that we have never sinned, the Bible teaches, we have no truth in us (1 John 1:8).**

Question: Compare his reply in these Psalms with the description of the people standing on Zion in Revelation 14:1–5

a Lamb standing on Mount Zion

Revelation 14:1–5 1 Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him **one hundred and forty-four thousand**, **having His Father's name written on their foreheads**.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.

4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from *among* men, *being* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.

5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

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We can come to no conclusion other than it is the Lamb who enables us to stand on Zion. The Lamb is not mentioned in David's Psalm, but He suddenly appears in the description found in Revelation 14. It is almost as if Revelation 14 is answering David's question. Now that the Lamb of God is established on Mount Zion, in the sanctuary, we can also be present there because of His perfect righteousness credited to us by faith. We can have the "boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh" (*Heb. 10:19, 20, NKJV*). Without His blood, what hope would we have? None, actually.

Revelation 22:1 1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, *was* the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each *tree* yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

4 **They shall see His face, and His name *shall be* on their foreheads.**

5 There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Think about all the Bible promises of victory over sin. Why, even with those promises, do we still find ourselves falling short of the perfect example Jesus has set for us, and why do we need His perfect life as our substitute?

Jol 2:11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp *is* very great: for *he is* strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Return to the Lord

Jol 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye *even* to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

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Additional notes

>>> **notice below the mention of 144,000 having their names written** on their foreheads (from Rev. 14:1) the same thing spoken in revelation 22 verse five.

And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. Revelation 21:2.
EW 31.4

And I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Sion, and with Him an hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. Revelation 14:1. EW 31.5

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve

manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him. And they shall see His face; and His name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord giveth them light: and they shall reign forever and ever. Revelation 22:1-5. EW 31.6

The benediction pronounced upon those who keep God's law is, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." "And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.... Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." RH August 31, 1897, par. 17