

Call to the Word Rev 9-17



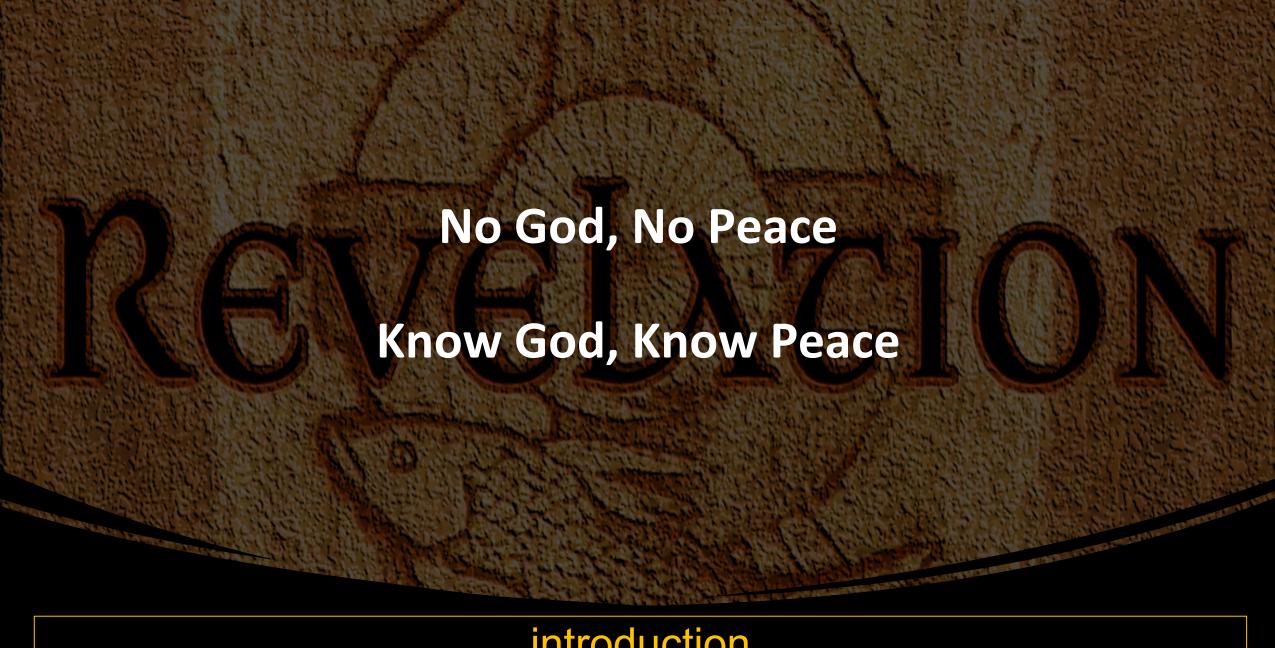
After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen."

Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."





introduction

The Great Multitude

Rev 7:9-10



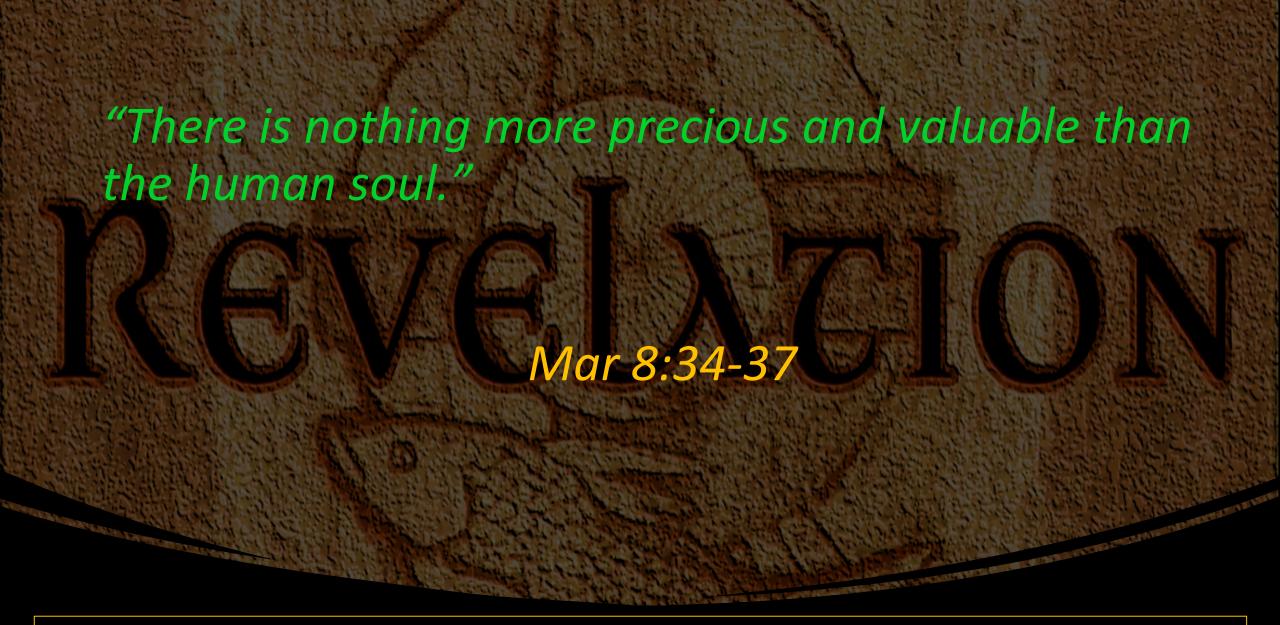
"Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Mat 10:28)

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come." (Mat 24:14)

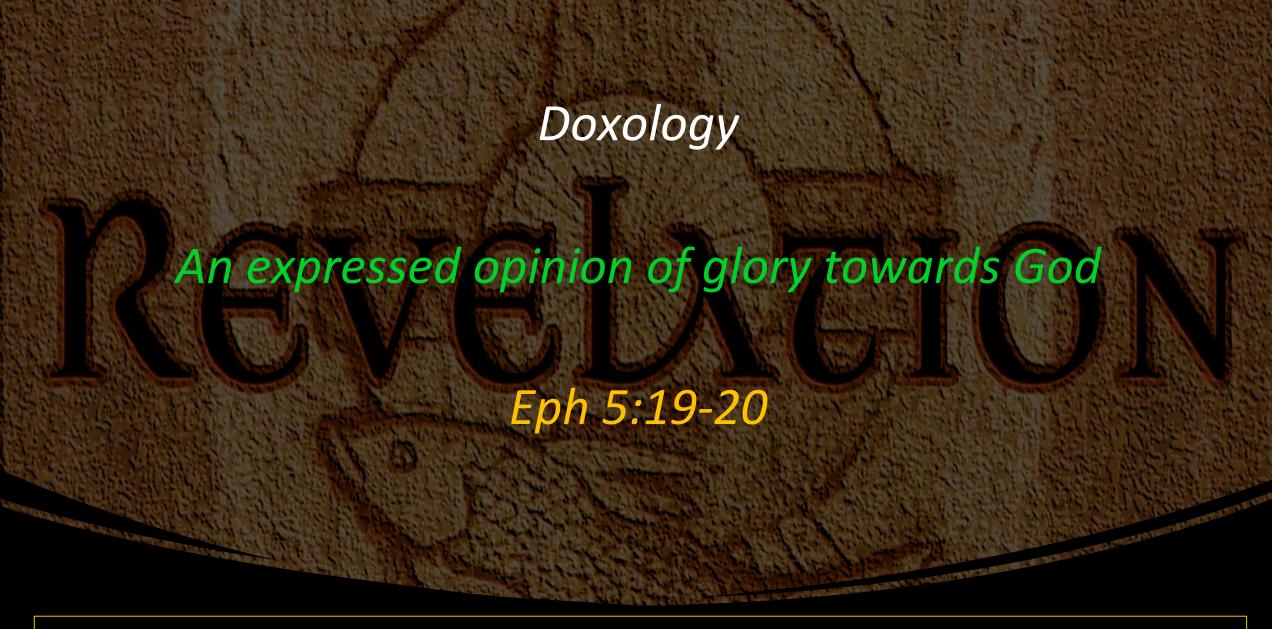
White Robes indicates a granted righteousness

Palm Branches were emblems of victory... the Great Multitude are celebrating a great victory

"The palm, the ensign of triumph, indicates most certainly a conflict and conquest....From the very fact that the glorified carry palms, we may infer that they did not come from beds of sloth, or gardens of pleasure, or palaces of peace, but that they endured hardness..." (Spurgeon)



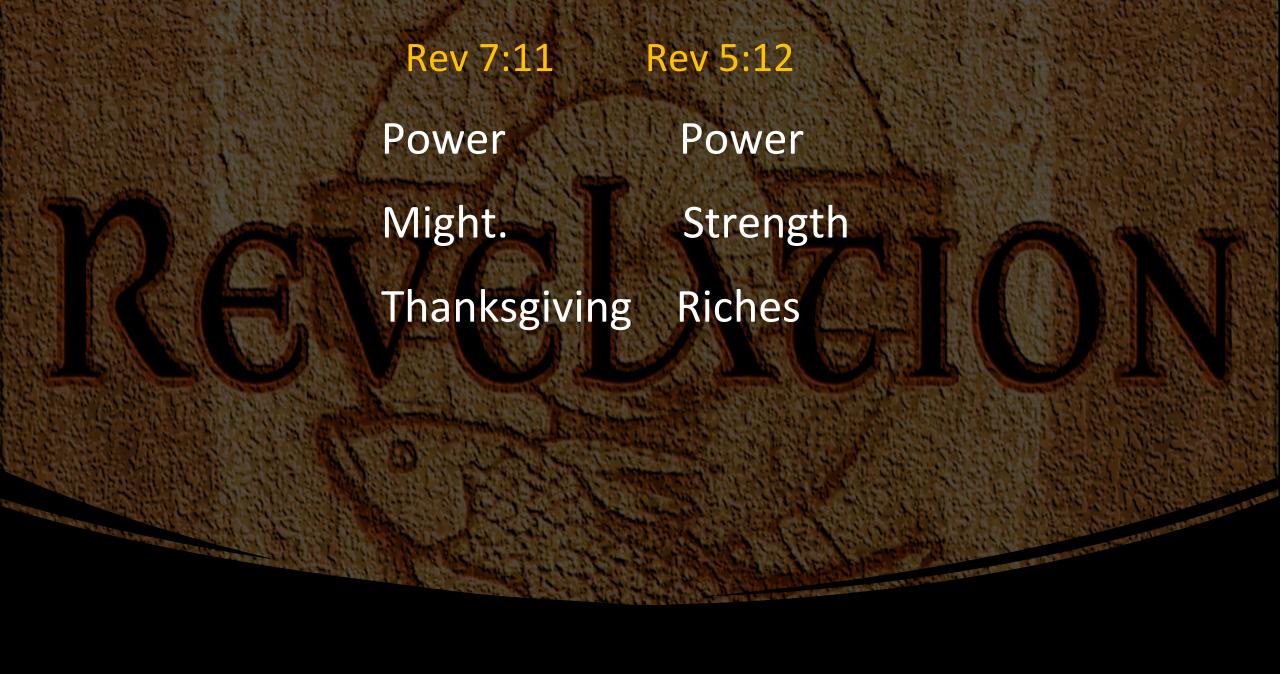


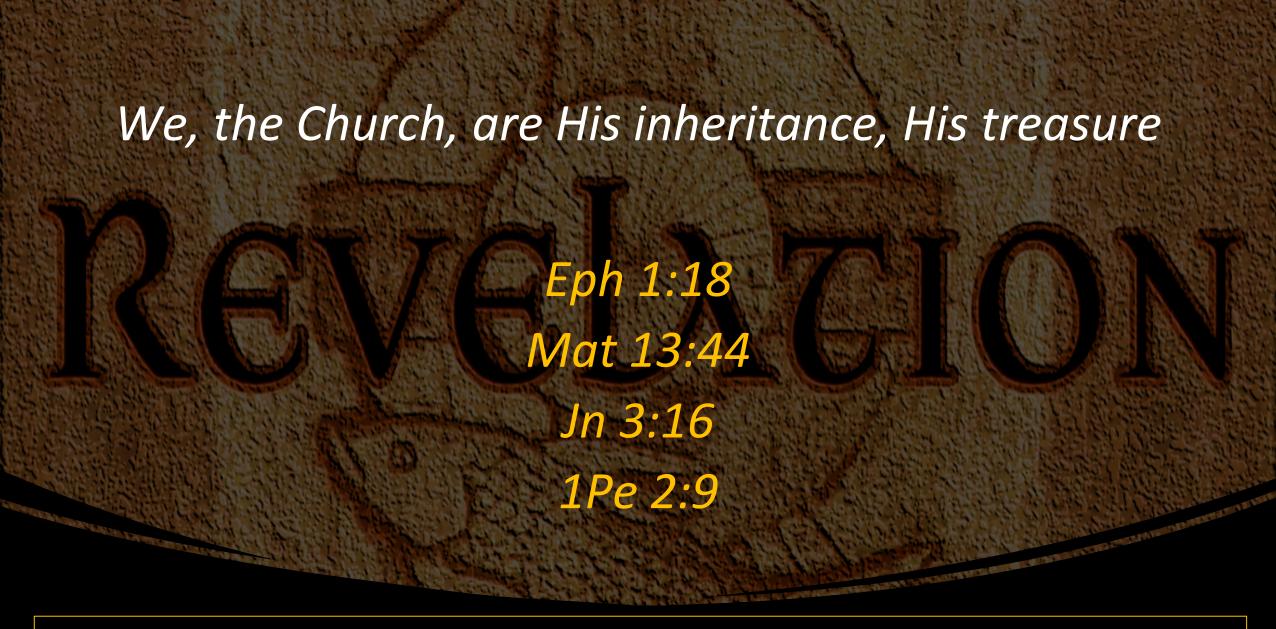


Rev 7:11-12

"When we experience something or someone good or true or beautiful, we can't help but offer admiration and appreciation. It's built into the nature of who we are. We naturally overflow with expressions of praise." (Easly)





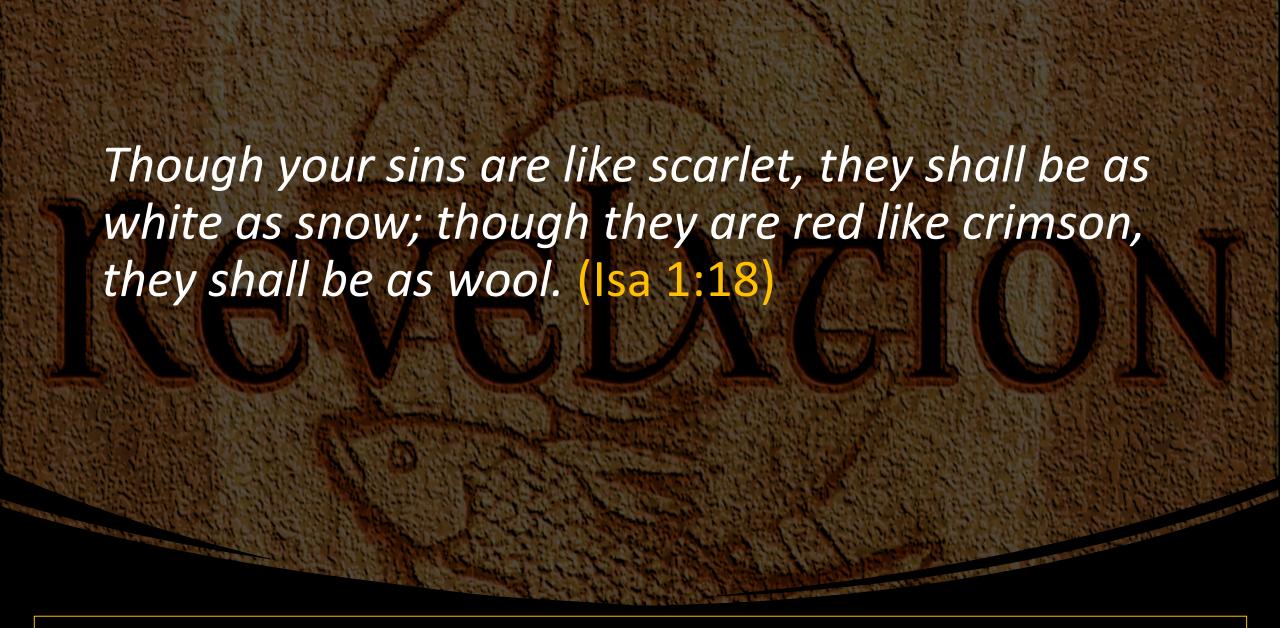


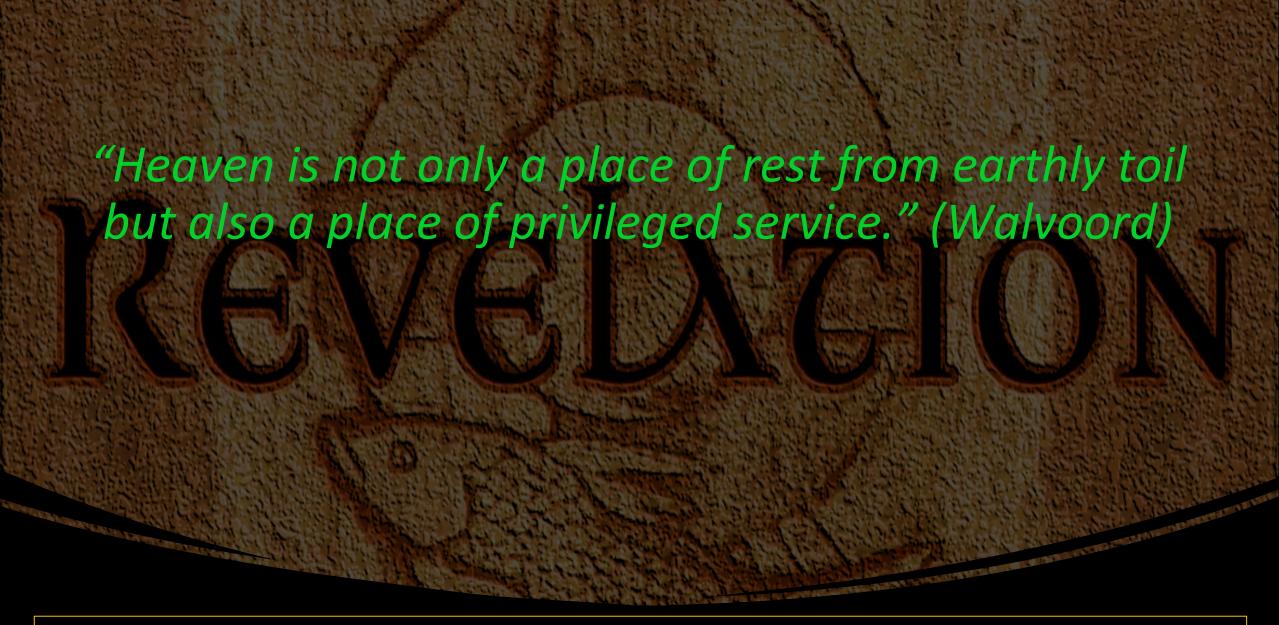
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Jesus said that when one lost person is found, all of heaven breaks out in a fabulous chorus of praise

(Luk 15:7, Luk 15:10)

We need to be faithful in sharing even if we're not presently seeing people respond. Keep proclaiming the Word because the greatest revival in world history will take place after the Rapture.





This company stands before the throne (Rev 7:9).

The bride of Christ sits on the throne (Rev 3:21).

This company serves the Lord (Rev 7:15).

The bride of Christ is served by the Lord (Luk 12:37).

Rev 7:13-17

Psa 27:4: One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple.

"The true Christian life, when we live near to God, is the rough draft of the life of full communion above. We have seen the artist make with his pencil, or with his charcoal, a bare outline of his picture. It is nothing more, but still one could guess what the finished picture will be from the sketch before you." (Spurgeon)

"The point is that the grief and tears of the past, speaking of their trials in the tribulation, will be over when they get to heaven... God will wipe away all tears resulting from their suffering on earth."

(Walvoord)

