

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for May 9, 2021

Sermon Notes

Those Who Stand: Saved, Sealed, and Safe

Revelation 7

Revelation chapter 6 ends with a question: “...who can stand?” When the “great day” of the wrath of Almighty God and the Lamb is poured out (as we see in the sixth seal) who will be able to stand? Will anybody be safe on that “great day”? In chapter 7, we see the answer that question. Those who are sealed by God will be spared from his wrath. They are the ones who will come through the storm of God’s just judgment and will stand before God’s throne.

In vv 1-7, John saw a vision of angels preparing for impending judgment, and he *heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel* (Rev 7:4). As we saw last week, this number is the subject of many different interpretational positions. Faithful conservative theologians and Pastors hold different views of these details, but there is no disagreement on the main point of the passage: God is faithful to keep his covenant promises to his people. Those who have put their faith in the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ and have “washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (7:14) are saved, sealed, and safe.

What John *heard* in verses 1-7 he now *sees*, and what he *sees* reveals a glorious picture of the Church. What we often hear and see of the church today is anything but glorious and victorious. So we need to see John’s vision of the church – the global, redeemed, beautiful, victorious God-worshipping church.

Those Who Stand Are Sealed and Safe (Rev 7: 1-8)

A beautiful picture of ownership – we are sealed by Him

A beautiful picture of purpose – we live for him

Those Who Stand Are Saved and Cleansed (Rev 7: 9-14)

The gospel will go globally (v9a)

God will save inclusively (v9b)

God deserves worship universally (vv 10-12)

Those Who Stand Are Sheltered and Shepherded (Rev 7: 15-17)

Active in service of God

Sheltered in the presence of God

Flourishing in the provision of God

Shepherded by the Lamb of God

Applications:

Worship now the way we will then

Thankfulness for the gift of salvation

Confidence & faithfulness in the global mission

Peace today under the care of our Shepherd

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life?
In your journal, write your answers and thoughts
in response to the following questions.**

Why do you think that some hold to a view of heaven as being a boring or monotonous place? How should this passage shape the way we view heaven?

How does the vision of this passage speak to every fear or hesitation you have in personal mission/ evangelism? How does a view to the end give us confidence in our participation in God's mission?

What are some struggles, dangers, and threats that you long to see vanquished along with sin? How does confidence in that end change the way we face those things now?

**Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.*

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