

## Revelation 14:1-7

### Rootwork

## Last Call and Last Hope- Lessons From the Faithful

(Everyday) Before you begin your study time - spend time in prayer, preparing your heart and surrendering your will to the Spirit of God! Allow Him to have full access by not withholding anything He wants to do in and then do through you!!

(Everyday)Remember, the enemy is going to try to keep you from being in the Word, he hates when we worship our God- Worship breaks his bondages over believers, so resist him and he will flee!!

(Everyday) Spend time in adoration and worship daily after you have cleansed your heart and before you dive into the scriptures!! Proclaiming who God is and adoring Him lifts our eyes up and keeps our focus on what really matters...putting God in His rightful place and putting us in ours!

BONUS- (If you have not done this already) if you were at the "Digging Deeper" conference and you would like to structure these scriptures, Copy and paste Revelation 13 into a word/pages document or write it out verse by verse, following the structuring handouts you received!

Review the last 5 verses of chapter 13 from 2 weeks ago and refresh your memory on where we are in scripture and where we are on the timeline of events! Jot down anything you want to take note of that was significant to you during this study!

Read the whole of chapter 14 to get an overview and to observe the scripture in context! Then go back and look up any words in

your blue letter Bible app! Just select the verse, select interlinear concordance and select the word! So much insight is given looking up these words! Let me know if you have any questions!

Read verse 1, who do we see talking here and who is he talking about?

Where are they located? Spend time searching other places in scripture where this place is mentioned and record why it is so significant and what you learn. Be sure to look at Isaiah 24:23, Psalm 76, Psalm 48:2 and Psalm 2 in your search- go through them slowly and every place where you see the attributes of God, record them in your "Who is God" journal!

Why do you think Jesus is referred to as the Lamb and not His other many, many names?

Look at the end of verse 1 and what do they have?

Compare and contrast this with the what we saw in chapter 13, what does this mean? How are they the similar and different?

Look up Revelation 7:1-8 and record what you have learned about the 144,000 so far. Who are they and what is their purpose?

We talked about in Bible study the 9 things we can learn from the faithful 144,00-, what were the first 2 from this verse?

What is so significant about having the "name" written on their foreheads?

Read the following verse and record what you find..then do a search and see if you can find any others like it! Read Ephesians 1:13-14! What a privilege it is to be the Lords and to represent Him and what He has done as the redeemed!

Look up the following verses, read and dig through them slowly- write out who we are and what we have been entrusted with! Then record your praises to the Lord and what He is speaking to your heart!

1 Thess. 2:4  
Eph. 4:1-3  
Eph 2:10  
1 Peter 2:1-11

Read verse 2, what is happening here? Who is the “voice”? Read Ezekiel 43:2 and Revelation 1:15 and record who it might be? Look up any other verses where this is mentioned and who is speaking!

Read verse 3, who are “they”?

What are they singing?

Read Rev. 5:8-10 and record what you learn about another new song that was sung and to whom?

If you have not already, look up the word, “purchased” in your Blue letter Bible app (let me know if you need help on this) and record the meaning! Then look at the bottom where every verse where that word is used is listed and write down what you learn of this word and what it means to you and me! Then spend some time in prayer and praise as you write these in your “who is God” journal!

Write out the 4th thing that we learn about the 144,000!

Look at verse 4, here we see #5, #6, and #7 of what we can learn about and from the 144,000! Write them out and write what it means! Where do they get their purity? Where do we?

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Look up every word from this verse in your BLB app and record what further insight you get!

Read James 1:17-18, Romans 8:23, Leviticus 2:12, Numbers 28:26, and 1 Cor. 6:15-20 and record what you find! What do you learn from these verses?

Now do a search on “first fruits”! What do you see? Does this describe your life and what you do? If the Lord is convicting you in any way, stop and allow the beauty of conviction to bring you to the throne of God in confession and repentance! Our God is sooo great and He deserves our BEST in every area of our lives!

What does it mean when we say, “your life is not your own?” How does it look practically in your life? Are you still struggling giving up yourself completely? If so what is holding you back?

Read Matt. 4:19-22 and Matt 9:9, what did Jesus mean when He commanded His disciples to “follow me”? What were they leaving behind to follow Jesus? Would you do the same thing? We discussed this in length in Bible study- what does this mean for you and for me?

If you look at your life in the last year, month, week...are you following Jesus? Really following Jesus? “Follow Me” means an immediate detachment from your personal interests, plans, goals to be a bond servant of Jesus Christ! It is a high privilege and a high calling that should not be taken lightly or halfheartedly! Dwell here a bit and allow the Lord to reveal anything you cling to more tightly than Him!

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Read verse 5, here you will find #8 and #9, what are they? Look them up if you have not already for further insight. May this challenge us and may Christ be able to say the same thing about us! This week is a very good heart check, a mirror check and wake up call for us as we often get spiritually sleepy! May

we live every moment as if the next one our Savior is returning to get His bride!

These followers of Christ are dependent on God, loyal to God, owned by God, led by God. And safe and secure in God...are you? They are a great example of complete abandonment to the Lord and to the call! Does this remind you of the disciples after the resurrection? Oh what beautiful examples we have ladies!! Let us follow Jesus wholeheartedly!!

Read verse 6, what did John see here? What are they doing and why?

What does this tell you about the character of God? Write it in your journal!

Read Matt. 24:14, what do you see in this verse that relates to Rev. 14:6?

Why would He use an angel?

Read verse 7, what is the message the angel is preaching?

We discussed the 3 things specifically that the angel declares, what are they? How is this the same or different than what we are called to do now as Christ followers? Find scriptures to support your answer!

Look up the word "fear" and record the biblical definition of it.

Do you struggle to understand this and implement this into your own life? Why or why not?

Look up as many verses as possible on the command to "fear God" and record them, what insight do you find? How can you apply this to your life personally and how does this look practically? (Include Prov.1:7, Psalm 33:8)

When we learn to live in “fearing God” we learn humility, obedience, and submission to God’s will. How is this statement true?

In Bible study I shared this quote- “The remarkable thing about God is that when you fear God, you fear nothing else, whereas if you do not fear God, you fear everything else”. ...Oswald chambers— does this challenge you personally? How?

How can you grow in this area?

Look up the word “glorify” and record the biblical definition that you find!

Look up every verse you can find on the command to “glorify God”, what do you find?

How does this challenge you personally?

Why does this angel say these three things specifically from this verse?

Look up the word “worship” and record the biblical definition that you find!

Look up every verse you can find on the command to “worship God” and record what you find!

Why does the angel say to worship God?

We discussed a powerful example of worshipping and glorifying God, and I shared a testimony which I will attach below....how does this testimony glorify God? How does this testimony encourage you?

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Spend the remainder of your study time today praising and glorifying God for who He is, what He has done in your life personally! We serve a great God and He is worthy of our praise! Write out the things that the Lord brings to your mind where He has been glorified in your life....and areas where

maybe He has not and from now on you will for sure make sure He does! What a beautiful opportunity and privilege!

“Have you ever been really angry at someone ? Well the one person i was angry with was GOD! Thats right ! Not a very wise thing to do; he could smite me down in the depths of hell in a instant . But I was so angry and so hurt because i lost my 2 sons in a auto accident in sept. 2002 - and now, I had always took my boys to church and taught them Gods word .. always taught them to do good and help others and to work, be responsible, and etc. of the normal ways you should live.. and i had always Considered my self a good God fearing Christian and a good mom ! Well after that horrible day ! I was lost .. you see i let my anger and my hurt cloud my judgements and i was so angry and mad at God because he took them when he should of took me ! I demanded to know why I demanded that he take me ! As i lay across their grave at night, or sometimes just sit by their grave and cry....and ask God where are you? i want to know why, why you took them instead of me? Even one day as i was going through town i saw 3 teenagers walking on the sidewalk and dressed in gothic clothing and chains and piercings and different colors in their hair.. and i said you see that Lord, why not take someone like that ! ? My boys never did anything like that they were very good boys very respectful and polite boys ! Day after day i was still angry at God and i told him, and I know he knew if it had of been a drunk driver or someone high on drugs that had caused them to wreck nothing in this world could of stopped me from getting my hands on them ! As much as i tried i could not get an answer from God, i could not even make him angry enough to smite me down .. i tried to go back to work ! I was working at a nursery and working at the county sheriff office 3 nights a week

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and also driving a truck part time .. but when i would go to work people would ask me how i was doing or say something that would make me just want to crumble to the floor .. i know people only mean well but to me it was like ripping my chest open and squeezing my heart to mush ! I wanted to make the pain go away so i bought alcohol tried to drink it away ! I didn't dare get on the

road because i still valued everyone else's life just not my own ! That only made me worse ! So i just threw myself in my work tried to stay to myself, work till i was so tired that when i went to their grave i would easily cry myself to sleep ! Still lost I didn't know what to do ! maybe go crawl in a bottle and never come out maybe go be a drug addict or a prostitute who would even care right?! At least i would be in this world living and not have to think about missing my boys i could just live and not care about me or anyone or anything, what difference would it make ! I couldn't even go back to my home ! My little farm that i was working so hard to pay off so i could give 5 acres each to my boys including a little boy i was in the process of adopting when my boys got killed .. which i was not able to care for him at once they died. ! So his aunt took him and loved and cared for him ! Which I am very proud to say grew up to be a great Godly young man ! One day after a hard day at work i was starting to feel a little more like a human again and i noticed i had this feeling in my heart like when i was a young child something that felt like it was drawing me / pulling at me .. so I went to the boys' grave again and was just sitting on a bench i had placed at their feet and was looking at the some solar lights i had placed at the corners of their graves and was still feeling this pulling in my heart and Well I started thinking .. about what all i said to God 🙏 and how angry i felt towards him 🙏 and thought, "o my dear Lord what have i done and where He actually was when i needed Him? Was it because of all the anger and the hateful things i said? and I thought how will i ever get forgiveness for the awful way i acted toward God? .. have i destroyed my relationship i had with God? .. how can i fix this? NO way God would want to forgive me now! I felt awful and ashamed and the terrible things i said about those teenagers - that was awful for me to feel like that - they were part of Gods creation and someone's children just like mine were! and then i broke down and said, "O dear Lord please forgive me for saying that about those teenagers they were someones children and i would never ever Lord want anybody to ever feel that pain of loosing a child because I'm sure their parents loved them as much as i loved mine .. it was like i was not talking from my mouth it was like all the words were coming straight out from my heart as I continued to tell the Lord how sorry i was for being angry and

wanting to die and to please forgive me ! I Do believe in you Lord and i thank you for the time you gave me with my sons — they were 2 wonderful boys and to please keep them in the palm of your hands Lord: and i surrender everything that i am I turn it all over to you Lord everything I am and will ever be- i turn it ALL over to you Lord .. and thank you thank you for all the time you allowed me with my boys, they were all great and wonderful times Lord and i thank you from the bottom of my heart for them !

Well I just barely got the last words out when i felt like the weight of the world just lifted right off my shoulders i felt so light i could almost float and then all of a sudden i caught a glimpse of something out of the corner of my left eye !

To my surprise it were 3 deer 🦌 1 big huge deer and the other 2 were smaller deer 🦌 not babies ( they were grown ) but not as big as the other one .. i still felt like i was almost floating and it wasn't like it was daylight but it was so much brighter out-

The 3 deer stopped just in front of me about 3 grave lengths away, the larger deer walked away to the right and went over the hill the 2 smaller deer 🦌 came over and laid down beside me, they were so close i could reach out and touch them but i just set there watching them and talking to them just like a normal conversation with anyone! The more i talked to them the better i felt!

Well they just laid there for a good hour or better then they got up and walked over to where they were at when the other deer had left them and went over the hill .. they stood there for a minute or 2 when the larger deer came back to them they stood there a few minutes then they all 3 turned to look at me and started walking back towards the direction they came from ....

From that day on i knew my boys were right were they needed to be; the reality of my story is God did not give up on me; he patiently waited on me: he knew my heart, he knew i was not desperately sincere when i was angry and hurt, and trying to figure out why me - poor me ; and that even if HE had of tried to explain something to me or get me to understand : i would not of

listened anyway because i let my anger and my broken heart mislead me! I thought i needed to make an effort in helping my self instead of trusting in God; i felt sorry for myself and took it all in my hands and tried desperately to make the pain go away! God knew this, thats why he patiently waited me. God isn't gonna make you choose rights or wrongs . He leaves that totally up to you! God will always give you away out . He will give you that feeling of drawing you or pulling you ! But he will never force you ! I made the right decision turning back to God ! And God gave me exactly what i needed exactly when i needed it ! You can pray to God that you need a hole dug desperately ! But God isn't gonna dig the hole for you ! You need to pick up a shovel and desperately try to make an effort to dig a hole before God will help you ! If you say Lord I desperately need to get off these drugs but then you keep going around the corner to where they sell the drugs- you are not desperately making an effort ! You you pray and ask God to forgive you of your sins but it has to be sincere desperation from the heart and you desperately need to try to make an effort to help yourself, NOT to sin again ! Amen ! Thank you for listening to my life's story ! Glory be all to God!"- Lisa