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GETTING A RIGHT PERSPECTIVE

Session 1: Heaven and the Bible: Our Blueprint

I. The Heavenly Scene

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, 4 and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. 5 And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

11 Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Re 5:1–14

When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 Then I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and seven trumpets were given to them. 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar with a golden censer, and he was given

much incense to offer with the prayers of all the saints on the golden altar before the throne, 4 and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel. 5 Then the angel took the censer and filled it with fire from the altar and threw it on the earth, and there were peals of thunder, rumblings, flashes of lightning, and an earthquake. Re 8:1-5

A. Prayer and Worship: Harp and Bowl

These 2 scenes paint a picture for us of the combination of prayer and worship in Heaven: past, present and future.

II. The Apostolic Prayers

The Apostolic Prayers are those prayers found in the New Testament. These form the foundation for our corporate prayer for 1 main reason.

A. They are in the Bible!

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God. Therefore, what He decided to put in the book must be important. He likes the prayers that these men prayed!

Acts 4:24-31, Romans 10:1, Romans 15:5-6, Romans 15:13, 1 Co 1:4-8, 2 Co 9:10-11, 2 Co 13:7,9, 2 Co 13:14, Eph 1:15-23, Eph 3:14-21, Eph 6:18-20, Eph 6:23-24, Ph 1:2-7, Ph 1:9-11, Ph 4:6-7, Co 1:9-12, Co 4:2-4, Co 4:12, 1 Th 3:9-13, 1 Th 5:23-25, 1 Th 5:28, 2 Th 1:11-12, 2 Th 2:16-17, 2 Th 3:1-5, 2 Th 3:16, 1 Ti 2:1-4, 2 Ti 2:7, 2 Ti 4:14-15, 2 Ti 4:16, Philemon 1:4-6, He 13:20-21, Ja 1:5-6, 1 Pe 5:10-11, 2 Pe 1:2-3, 3 Jo 1:2,

Mt 6:9-13, Mt 9:37-38, Mt 26:40-41, Lk 18:1-8, Lk 22:31-32, Jo 17:11, Jo 17:17, Jo 17:21-26

III. What We're Doing This Summer

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A. Prayer Sets

B. Creating a Culture of Prayer

C. Sunday Teaching