

Morning Sermon December 26th, 2021

“The Mark of the Lamb” Revelation 14:1

...having His Father’s name written on their foreheads. Revelation 14:1 (NKJV)

*The ungodly are marked with 666. God’s people are marked with the Lamb’s Father’s Name on their foreheads. What does it mean for a person to have God’s name written on his forehead?*

I. *It is God’s seal, a mark of distinction –*

*See how in the actual writing of this Book of Revelation the two marks are placed close to each other to highlight the contrast –*

1. *They ungodly have the mark of the beast -*

**<sup>16</sup>He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup> and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. <sup>18</sup> Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man: His number is 666. Revelation 13:16-18**

2. *God’s people are mark with the name of the Heavenly Father -*

**14 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)**

3. *It was in Revelation 7 we first read of this mark as a seal –*

**...till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads. Revelation 7:3 (NKJV)**

II. *It is a mark of protection ...*

*Both here, and in chapter 7, God’s sealing or marking His people is mentioned in the context of judgment –*

1. *The last verse of Revelation 6 was about God’s wrath –*

**<sup>17</sup>For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?” Revelation 6:17 (NKJV)**

2. *The first verses in Revelation 7 speak of the sealing of God’s people – till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” Revelation 7:2-3 (NKJV)*

A. *The four winds being held were / are winds of wrath -*

**7 After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. Revelation 7:1 (NKJV)**

B. *Note these winds and harming-angels are held back ... by order, until God’s people are sealed -*

**<sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, <sup>3</sup> saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” Revelation 7:2-3 (NKJV)**

*God’s order delivered by the angel is - do not bring judgment until God’s people are marked.*

C. *– in Exodus, before the death of the first-born it was with the blood of the Lamb on their doors –*

**<sup>13</sup>Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:13**

D. *In the case of Rahab and her family, before the fall of Jericho, it was the scarlet cord in her window –*

**<sup>21</sup>Then she said, “According to your words, so be it.” And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window. Joshua 2:21 (NKJV)**

3. *Here in Revelation 14, when the final division is made between those who go to Heaven vs those who go to Hell, the Heavenly ones have Jesus’ Father’s Name on their foreheads ... those who take the mark of the beast lack all protection –*

**<sup>9</sup>Then a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives *his* mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup> he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. <sup>11</sup> And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever; and they have no rest day or night, who worship the beast and his image, and whoever receives the mark of his name.” Revelation 14:9–11 (NKJV)**

III. *It is a mark of possession -*  
...having His Father's name written on their foreheads. Revelation 14:1 (NKJV)

1. *In Genesis 31 literal sheep were marked by God, by color, as God was giving them as possessions to Jacob -*

<sup>8</sup> If he said thus: 'The speckled shall be your wages,' then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said thus: 'The streaked shall be your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked. <sup>9</sup> So God has taken away the livestock of your father and given *them* to me. Genesis 31:8-9 (NKJV)

2. *Children write their names on favorite toys -*

3. *God writes His Name on His people; we belong to Him, we were bought by Him, purchased with Christ's blood -*

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

<sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. 1 Peter 1:18-19 (NKJV)

4. *But not mere possessions part of God's family -*

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, Ephesians 3:14-15 (NKJV)

IV. *It is a mark of Creation and Quality -*  
...having His Father's name written on their foreheads. Revelation 14:1 (NKJV)

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture. Psalm 100:3 (NKJV)

1. *It is a mark of creation, like an artist's signature, or a brand Name on a product -*



*When we see brands we know, we have thoughts come to mind in regard to Creation and quality ...*

2. *The forehead is an OBVIOUS part of our body. God's Name on it means we are living for God's glory; His mark leaves a mark -*

A. *They sing God's praises -*

<sup>3</sup> They sang as it were a new song before the throne, ... Revelation 14:3 (NKJV)

B. *They are the ONLY ONES who can really sing this song - ... and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. Revelation 14:3 B (NKJV)*

C. *These are undefiled -*

<sup>4</sup> These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. Revelation 14:4 A (NKJV)

*I spoke about this before ...*

D. *They are followers of the Lamb -*

These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. Revelation 14:4 B

E. *They are redeemed, firstfruits -*

These were redeemed from *among* men, *being* firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. Revelation 14:4 (NKJV)

F. *These are faultless, truth-tellers, not liars -*

<sup>5</sup> And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God. Revelation 14:5 (NKJV)

G. *These are "us" or we are lost - 2 Corinthians 5:17*

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