

Morning Sermon December 5, 2021
“Hark, the Herald Angels Preach or Do You Hear What I Hear?”
Revelation 14:6-13 / Revelation 14:6-7

I. Angel #1 The Everlasting Gospel –

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, and people—⁷ saying with a loud voice, “Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water.” Revelation 14:6–7 (NKJV)

1. Flying in the midst of heaven –

- A. In the sky! Obvious? Maybe? Maybe not seen at all because he is an invisible, spiritual being?
- B. Maybe he is seen by some, the shepherds saw angels when Jesus was born, but few if any others did –

¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” Luke 2:13–14 (NKJV)

2. Note what his job is, to preach the everlasting gospel –

- A. It is **THE EVERLASTING GOSPEL**, this means it is not limited to the first century, or to John’s hearers only!
- B. There is a prominent principle of interpretation of Scripture that puts an emphasis on what Scripture must have meant to its first readers, I am not totally against this, not against the study, however we must guard against –
 - A limited understanding of Scripture, that would make it (the Bible) like any other book, the primary author of the Book of Revelation was not the Apostle John. The primary Author is God, He saw and sees and communicates beyond John’s first century audience!
 - Too often, because the New Testament was written in the first century, and the Old Testament, centuries before, people think it aimed, as its target audience, at these 1st century people, and these people only – making it not (or less) the **EVERLASTING GOSPEL**, applicable to everyone of all ages ... but the first century Gospel -

applicable to us, in a secondary manner. Making it necessary for us to read extra-Biblical literature, mostly old Jewish writings, to understand Scripture. Scripture, because God is eternal, and not limited by time, does NOT have a first century or B. C. primary audience – ⁵ **For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.** Psalm 100:5 (NKJV)

- 3. We have an everlasting gospel, because we have an everlasting Savior, please note the timeless nature of Jesus’ ministry, communicated in Hebrews 7 –

²³ Also there were many priests, because they were prevented by death from continuing. ²⁴ But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶ For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; ²⁷ who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. ²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son who has been perfected forever. Hebrews 7:23–28 (NKJV)

- 4. Too often, I have heard people, even godly Christians, speak as if the Bible was not relevant to today’s problems and yet our major problem is still SIN, and our only Savior is still Jesus Christ – **John 14:6, Acts 4:12!** They will say, “We need the internet; we need MOVIES to communicate the Gospel today” and yet Scripture says about itself –

¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Hebrews 4:12–13 (NKJV)

- 5. Not only is this Gospel not limited by time, it is also not limited to any certain group, nation or family of people – to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— Revelation 14:6 B

First to Jews, but not only to Jews –

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. Romans 1:16 (NKJV)

A. *The Gospel was never meant to be only for the Jews, but Jesus was called by His Father to be a Light to the Gentiles, and salvation to the ends of the earth.*

⁶ Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' " Isaiah 49:6 (NKJV)

B. *Bottom line, according to Scripture, and this Book of Revelation the Gospel is for everyone, not just Jews or Americans or men, the Gospel is preached – to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people Revelation 14:6 B (NKJV)*

6. *Here we hear that the Revelation 14:6 Gospel Angel, Revelation 14:7 communicates with a ⁷ saying with a loud voice ... Revelation 14:7 A*

A. *Have you ever heard an angel preach? With a loud voice?*

B. *I think they preach through men, regular ordinary preachers of the Gospel, if not, this is strictly an end times thing – Yet this Gospel is preached now – 2 Corinthians 6:1-2*

C. *If your ears are right, Revelation 2 & 3 – you will hear God's Spirit ⁷ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29 and 3:6, 13 & 22*

D. *It is Christ's Voice that makes us alive –*

²⁵ Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. John 5:25 (NKJV)

E. *Angels, who we do not see or hear, are always around us, always near, are we missing their flying and preaching?*

¹⁵ And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶ So he

answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 2 Kings 6:15–17 (NKJV)

7. *Here the fear, reverence and glorifying of God and repentance are called for, warning of judgment is given and worship of the true God, the Creator is called for –*

⁷ saying with a loud voice, "Fear God and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come; and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and springs of water." Revelation 14:7 (NKJV)

A. *The fear of God is taught throughout Scripture – Psalm 111:10; Psalm 129:4; Proverbs 1:7; Luke 12:4-5 ...*

B. *To give God glory is our chief end, it is the reason we were created, it is the reason Christ redeems us, we worship Him, because He is worthy of it – 1 Corinthians 10:31, Revelation 4:11; Revelation 5:9 ...*

C. *Remember the everlasting gospel is preached to those who dwell on the earth—to every nation, tribe, tongue, and people— Revelation 14:6 B the warning of judgment "for the hour of His judgment has come;..." Revelation 14:7 is for this same group!*

II. *Angel #2 - Babylon is fallen –*

⁸ And another angel followed, saying, "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication." Revelation 14:8 (NKJV)

III. *Angel #3 - Hell is HOT, hotter than you can stand!*

⁹ 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, ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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

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