

Four Hallelujahs -2/01/23

Great Sermons – Harold Sightler

TEXT – Rev 19:1-4

INTRO – Revelation 4:11 *Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

Harold B. Sightler was born in St. George, South Carolina On May the 15th of 1914 the son of an automobile mechanic, the young family was moved by the Packard Motor Car Company from Columbia to Greenville in 1925. In late 1939 and early 1940, he answered God's call and preached his first sermon in March, 1940. He spent 55 years of his long life pastoring three churches in Greenville County, Mauldin First Baptist, Pelham First Baptist and Tabernacle Baptist Church. His ministry was felt all across America and in many foreign countries. He spoke on a daily radio broadcast "The Bright Spot Hour" A children's home, Bible college, widows' apartments, and a Christian school. He was an author from whose pen had come more than 70 books and booklets, including 11 Bible commentaries. From the 1950's he was much sought after for revivals and conferences. On September 27 1995 Dr. Harold Sightler left to be with the Lord leaving behind a Legacy of goodness and a passionate love for Christ.

In his time as the Pastor of Tabernacle, the miracles, and life changing revival meetings changed 100's of thousands of lives. This generation is blighted with dead religion. We have lost the note of praise. One fact remains; there will be hallelujahs in heaven. It is unthinkable to imagine Heaven with no praises, no hallelujahs. As surely as Heaven is real; it is to be a place of joy "unspeakable and full of glory." There will be shouting on the streets of glory. Not done by just a few; but all will join in the praises.

I. The Hallelujah of Salvation - Verse 1

Vs. 7 "*Let us be glad and rejoice*"

When these souls see Heaven and what they have been redeemed to, they will exclaim, "hallelujah." We should learn to use the word, Hallelujah, Praise the Lord, Amen. Hallelujah is universal throughout all nations. It is a heavenly word. Get used to it and learn how to spell it.

Notice four things they saw fully for the first time.

First, they saw in reality the **SALVATION OF THE LORD**. They had their first glimpse of salvation in its fullness. However, "*eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things which the Lord hath in store.*" **There were many people. I know and**

understand the gospel of salvation but in heaven we will see more than we could understand here on earth.

We try to tell the **glories of Heaven**; yet we cannot. Can you think of stepping inside the Eastern gate and casting your glorified eyes over the City of God for the first time? It is no small wonder that John saw this "much people" and heard this "great voice" saying, "Alleluia."

The visit of **the Queen of Sheba** to the temple made by Solomon. She exclaimed, "*The half has not been told.*" Nothing she had heard and imagined measured to what she saw.

Second, they saw for the first time **THE GLORY OF GOD**. The object of much of our preaching is to tell the GLORY OF GOD.

No human word can describe the glories of our God.

No mortal tongue can tell. It is unspeakable. When you and I step inside the Eastern Gate, and for the first time see the GLORIES OF GOD; then the hallelujahs will roll. Think of seeing the glories of the Lamb: Jesus, who gave Himself upon Calvary for us; Moses saw a portion of the glory of god. His hinder parts.

The third reason for this hallelujah in verse one is because for the first time this "much people" saw **THE HONOUR OF GOD**. People are eager to see great personalities of honor.

If some famous personality were to visit in your community today, the crowds would jam the streets. Persons of honor attract the masses.

When the Saints come from the East and West, North and the South into the presence of Jesus and behold His honor for the first time; they will exclaim, "Hallelujah."

The **last reason** this Hallelujah is lifted in verse 1 is because the redeemed see the **POWER OF GOD**. It is now we see the power of God to save the vilest of the vile. Here we see the power to keep us from falling. Here we see the power which sustained us in life's journey.

We see now through a "glass darkly." **I believe all the Bible. All the miracles. Every prophecy. We must not undermine the Bible. God is all powerful. Omnipotent. Adonai – Lord, sovereign. Elohim – All powerful and mighty.**

(III. Billy Bray and Cornish people - "*My right foot says Hallelujah and my left says Amen!*")

II. The Hallelujah for The Destruction of the Great Whore

Verse 2-3 According to this verse when the redeemed see the destruction of the "great whore" they will lift the second hallelujah.

Who is this great whore? This great whore represents false religion. False religion which had always hated Jesus and the bride.

In verse two, the redeemed see that God "hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hands."

The dark ages – The Holy Roman Empire –

Read the [Trail of Blood and Foxes book of Martyrs.](#)

Estimated 500,000 Anabaptists were put to death by the command of the Pope.

III. The Hallelujah of Praise Verse four.

These four and twenty elders and the four beasts along with the other created beings in heaven approve the hallelujahs from the sinners saved by grace. All heaven will echo with the hallelujahs.

They first said Amen. The Hallelujah.

None will deny that heaven will be a place where ALL shall praise God. They represent the church triumphant - the church victorious. Thus, they have crowns on their heads; they have harps in their hands **Rev. 5:8**; they say that they are "kings and priests," and that they will "reign on the earth,

Revelation 4:6-11 *And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. 9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever, 10 The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, 11 Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.*

(III. Old lady shouting in cold church was carried out by 4 ushers. She began to shout again and said, "Praise God, Jesus rode into town on 1 donkey, I'm getting carried out by four!"

IV. The Hallelujah of the Marriage Supper Vs.5-10

"all the redeemed, both small and great" take part. No class lines here. Also, this hallelujah sounded as the voice of a great multitude. Sometimes the Devil would tempt us to believe that nobody is going to heaven. The Devil is a liar. Millions will shout in this hallelujah chorus. Too, this shout is as continuous as the constant sound of many waters. Verse 6 describes the hallelujah "as the voice of many waters."

The Word likens this hallelujah as "the voice of mighty thundering's." There is sometime mighty about thunder. Thunder is amplified from heaven itself. The hallelujahs are so great and profound until they are amplified as the thunder.

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

The reason this fourth hallelujah is the day, when we shall be wedded to the bridegroom is come. The only heavenly word in our vocabulary is Alleluia. This word is spoken the same the world around. This will be the "key-word" inside the Eastern gate.

CONCL -

1. Rapture - Catch us up! 2. Judgment Seat - Clean us up! 3. Marriage Supper - Cheer us up!

(III. Old saint shouting in cold, formal church. When told to quiet down she replied, "I can't help it, I got religion." and the reply was "you didn't get it here!"