

Current Affairs #73 – The Sons of God Arise

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We will start this broadcast by referencing what we covered in the last broadcast. We talked about what happened when the sixth seal was opened, how darkness descended upon the earth and there was an absence of the light of Scripture. But to the people of God, a Kingdom was being revealed in greater clarity. The darkness of the earth brings with it, hopelessness, and this hopelessness touches every rank of humanity: the rich, the powerful, the poor, and everything in between those categories. So much so, that they are bereft of power and authority and options. As Jesus said, they ask to be buried alive—that the rocks should fall on them, the caves should collapse on them.¹ These are things that symbolize such a time of chaos, when nothing works, when the best laid plans of men produce no result. But for the people of God who are not in that darkness, who are described as children of the light, the Kingdom is ever advancing to them.

More of what God promised is now being revealed, and God is, in a sense, shaking the heavens, which is a reference to, in a sense, leaving nothing in the heavens. If you like, He is squeezing out of the heavens all that remained in the heavens that was designed to come onto the earth. Symbols, types, shadows that have been prophesied before, but the antecedents (the things that these things represent—shadows and types on the earth), these things and their reality are now coming out of heaven into the earth. The main thing that comes out of heaven into the earth in this period of time relates to the greatest endowments of the Kingdom of Heaven, functionally operative on the earth.

I have heard people say that anybody who thinks that you can hear God, or speak for God, or you can be mature, that you are foolish; that you are full of hubris. In fact, this very morning, and today is August 21, 2020, this very morning I was reading in the news about a Presbyterian minister who was writing to condemn evangelicals for claiming an exclusive representation of what God is saying. His attack upon evangelicals was that nobody can actually hear God and no one can speak for God. He said it in a very, as you would expect, in a very erudite way that Presbyterians sometimes say things. What occurred to me was, he was as backward about the understanding of the things of God as the people he was commenting on were backward in the error of their

All Scripture quotations are taken from the NKJV Bible, unless otherwise noted.

¹ See Luke 23:30: “Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us!’”

perspective claiming to represent God. One was no better than the other because they have all subscribed to a gospel of going to heaven when you die.

They do not and have not subscribed to a gospel of representation: that we are in the corporate son. We are assembled by the Spirit as parts of the corporate son, identified as the Body of Christ—our spirits assembled to His Spirit. He, being the container of all of our spirits, the sons of God, and He is presenting in Himself, to God, the crop that God sowed on the earth when He intended and said that a man would be made in His image and likeness.² This whole matter has been co-opted by something that is far less than the gospel. There is a measure of truth to it, but used in the way that that measure of truth is used, it produces a falsehood. No. The goal is not to go to heaven when we die. We are not saved in that way. Yes, we do get to go to heaven when we die. And, yes, salvation includes, in part, going to heaven when we die. These things are true in that sense. But if that is all that we see as true, and we advocate that as the truth, then we miss it. And missing the mark is what sin is. The lie of believing that going to heaven is the goal and the that being the description of salvation is what prevents us, in good measure, from understanding what the Book of Revelation and the prophetic Scriptures speak about.

We were put here to carry the presence of God. We were put on the earth to carry the presence of God. We cannot carry the presence of God until we are born again of His Spirit. Once we do, His indwelling Spirit activates our spirits, and we are moving in the right direction. But we must become mature in order for us to accurately put the nature of God on display in our persons. Children cannot do that. A child is a slave to the emotions of his soul because a child is immature. The apostle Paul, writing to the Corinthians, says in 1 Corinthians, “When I came to you, I chose not to say anything except the most basic elements of our faith, which is Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (cf. 1 Corinthians 2:2). He gave this as his explanation. Paul said, “You are still carnal. You are still immature.³ By now you ought to have been teachers, but you are still on milk.⁴ You

² See Genesis 1:26a: “Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness.’”

³ See 1 Corinthians 3:1: “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.”

⁴ See Hebrews 5:12: “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.”

cannot handle the Spirit of wisdom and revelation which reveals the hidden mysteries of God.” He says, “We have a message of wisdom among the mature.”⁵ Ephesians, the 4th chapter, picks up on this very theme and says that apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers are given for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the building up of the Body of Christ, until we all reach the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man measured by the fullness of the stature that belongs to Christ (cf. Ephesians 4:11-13).

I was recently talking to someone who knew me from the past, and knew many of the people I was associated with in the past. He recently reconnected with me, and he told me that one of the reasons he was hesitant to reconnect with me was that he was among certain ones who knew me from the past, and they kept saying that I had “gone off the deep end,” that I had gone crazy, because I was teaching that you can hear God and you can be mature. Now you have to understand, I did not consider that a fulfillment of the Scripture that says, “Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you and say all manner of evil against you falsely for My sake” (cf. Matthew 5:11). I do not consider that being reviled at all. I do not consider that being persecuted. I do not even consider it a matter of them saying evil against me. Instead, I see it as worthy of the prayer that says, “Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing” (cf. Luke 23:34).

They are glorying in their immaturity, glorying in their backwardness, thinking that somehow it is humility to say, “We are just sinners saved by grace, and we are hoping God lets us into heaven when we die.” How pathetic is that gospel? How absolutely representational of a departure from what God always intended. No. This is the folly of being deceived. The purpose was always that God would reap a harvest of mature saints from the earth who represent, in the corporate expression, the fullness of the stature that belongs to Christ. If you are not part of that, then there is work to be finished in the millennium. But you can be part of that, in this world, at this time. But at a minimum, you have to repent of the mindset that was expressed by this Presbyterian preacher in the article he wrote that was carried on CNN on August 21, 2020, in which he argues that you know God by studying the word, and there are limits to what you can know, and you

⁵ See 1 Corinthians 2:6-7: “However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory...”

surely cannot speak for God, and you cannot ever really assert that you know God. The Scriptures say, “Let any who boasts, boasts that he knows the Lord.”⁶ Anyway, this is the blindness that is in the earth.

When you turn to the Book of Revelation, the 7th chapter, it speaks of right after where the darkness comes, and men are hopeless and despairing to the point of death because the sun is not giving its light, the moon is covered, as it were, with blood, and mighty stars are falling (cf. Revelation 6:12-17). Which, as I explained previously, the sun was given as a symbol of light for the daytime, the moon as a symbol of light in the nighttime, both of which represent the ability to walk in the light of revelation so that you do not walk in darkness. According to 1 Thessalonians 5, you are sons of the light, sons of the day—not of the darkness, not drunks, and the like (cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:4-7). And the stars, the exalted ones, falling as they are because they elevated themselves to the ceilings, and God never did and does not support their standing or their status.

In fact, their best hope is that they can actually see the folly of having exalted themselves this way when God did not do it. It was they themselves who did it, and the people that they could get to believe in their own nonsense that did it. As they fall, the opportunity is for them to be refined. The Scriptures say in the last days, many will fall and be refined.⁷ When you fall from those self-appointed places where you pretended it was God who raised you up, when you fall, allow yourself to be refined—refined in your thinking. Do not put yourself back into those places because God did not put you there in the first place. I do not believe that any who falls at this point will be restored by God to those prior places. And if they put themselves back in those places, they will fall again, and this time they will not recover.

⁶ See Jeremiah 9:24 BSB: “But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, who exercises loving devotion, justice and righteousness on the earth—for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD.” See also 1 Corinthians 1:31 NIV: “Therefore, as it is written: ‘Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.’”

⁷ See Daniel 11:35: “And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.”

Now I want to move on. I said all those things to lead up to what I want to unpack in two sessions—what remains of this session, and the next one—and that is what goes on in verse 1, of chapter 7, of the Book of Revelation.

After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth... (Revelation 7:1a)

At the time when the sixth seal is broken, the first set of things happen: men walking in darkness and hopelessness, and the like. After those things he also saw these things, and they are covered by the seventh seal. He 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 7:1b).

Now they are holding them back because these typify that which, when released, scatters judgment upon the earth. Because God is not done bringing in the full number of the fellow servants and brethren, and He is not done establishing them beyond the ability of anything coming in the future from harming them. He is putting, as it were, this bubble around them. I am telling you these things because I do not want you to be afraid. These things are said to keep you from being afraid. Because these terrible things will come upon the earth, but you have nothing to be alarmed or worried about. “See that you are not alarmed,” Jesus says, “because these things must be.”⁸ But in this reading in this narrative, both in the previous chapter, under the fifth seal, and now under the sixth seal, you are seeing the intention of God to preserve the harvest of the earth that comes from the Seed who is Christ. And that harvest is, of course, the corporate man, the Body of Christ, the many-membered form, the sons of God. Alright?

There were four angels, then, holding back the four winds, so they should not blow on the earth, they should not blow on the sea, they should not blow on any tree (verse 1). I am going to skip through the meaning of that, though I will come back to it later on. Winds blowing are a sign of

⁸ See Matthew 24:6 NIV: “You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.”

turmoil and trouble coming upon everything on the earth, everything on the sea, and so on. But I will come back to that. Verse 2,

Then I saw another angel ascending from the east [interesting], having the seal of the living God (Revelation 7:2a, comments added in brackets).

In other words, “seal” there is like a signet, the sign, the symbol of the very authority of the throne of God. So whatever he does with this seal—this sent one, this *aggelos*⁹—has the authority of the living God to do this thing. What is it that he is about to do?

And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea [which is what I said: distress when they release the winds], saying, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads” (Revelation 7:2b-3, comments added in brackets).

He did not want them to harm the “servants” of God. That is the word, unsurprisingly, *doulos*¹⁰—the full number of their fellow servants and brethren, the *doulos*. *Sundoulos*¹¹ is fellow servants; *doulos* is servants. So, God is gathering out of the earth that final remnant to be joined with that portion that was already in heaven, whose prayers ascend and are immediately answered by God because they did not hold anything back that constituted their life on the earth, from the service of the Lord.

He says, “Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till...” The command is for the benefit of those who are the *doulos* of God. Do you see this point? It means that you do not have anything to worry about because the one with the authority of God instructs the other angels, in this vision of the Revelation, and tells them: “You cannot do anything that will adversely affect the crop that

⁹ See *aggelos*, Strong’s Greek 32 - <https://biblehub.com/str/greek/32.htm>

¹⁰ See *doulos*, Strong’s Greek 1401 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/1401.htm>

¹¹ See *sundoulos*, Strong’s Greek 4889 - <https://biblehub.com/greek/4889.htm>

God has raised from the earth, the sons of God. Hold off until we are done sealing them in their foreheads because they are being granted and given immunity for all that is to come.”

Note, it is not just those who receive the mark of the beast that have a mark on their foreheads. It is the sons of God, the servants of God; they too have a seal on their forehead. The seal is a name, and it is the name, Father. “I have given them Your name, Father,” Jesus said in John 17. Clearly, this is not about visible things, so much as it is symbolic references. A name on the forehead was typically that of a bondservant. A bondservant received a mark on his forehead and had a hole of a nail driven through his ear. They were identified by the name of the father of the house. That is a human and physical and historic reference that symbolizes something else: it symbolizes that their mindset—that which is behind the forehead, the mind, the mindset—has been changed. They are now retooled to a heavenly mindset. Their souls have been brought back under the rule of their spirits. They are not governed by the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—these things that constitute all that are in the world, which is passing away. They have been renewed; their minds have been renewed according to the understanding of the Kingdom of God and of Christ.

And so the angel instructs the other four, “Do not do anything to the earth that will adversely affect the saints until I grant them the immunity by stamping them in the forehead,” which is to say, to establish them in the authority of and identifying them as such as the select of the whole earth. Now let’s read on.

And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed: (Revelation 7:4)

Now this is the where the Jehovah’s Witness get their doctrine of the 144,000. I think they are the Jonadabs, according to their doctrine. By the way, I do not know any Jehovah’s Witness who was of any of the twelve tribes of Israel; but they have a way around that, I am sure. But we will unpack what this 144,000 is. It should immediately strike you that this is the number, twelve times twelve. What is twelve? Government. There are twenty-four elders in heaven, and it is twelve plus twelve,

or twenty-four, which means, the Kingdom rules in heaven and on earth. So, 144,000 representing twelve times twelve:

of the tribe of Judah twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand were sealed;
of the tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand were sealed (Revelation 7:5-8).

You will notice here, that there is no reference to Ephraim, and that is the key to the understanding of these 144,000. But I will have to wait until the next time to unpack it for you. I hope you will join me when we do.

Thanks. I am Sam Soleyn. We will talk then. Bye-bye.