

2nd week of December

A New Song to Sing in Heaven

- **Text:** Revelation 14:1~5 (December 12 text)
- **Point:** The saved saint will sing a beautiful new song of salvation in heaven.

≡ 1. Praise

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≡ 2. Prayer

Thank you, God, for making us your children and the people of heaven. Through this time of worship, please teach us the way of faith and lead us to live like the people of heaven.

≡ 3. The Word

Read Revelation 14:1~5 together (read the verse 3 times).

* Reading the Word over and over again in different translations will help you to deepen your understanding of the material.

<ESV>

1 Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. **2** And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, **3** and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. **4** It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, **5** and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

<NASB>

1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb *was* standing on Mount Zion, and with Him 144,000 who had His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. **2** And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard *was* like *the sound* of harpists playing on their harps. **3** And they **sang* a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one was able to learn the song except the 144,000 who had been purchased from the earth. **4** These are the ones who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are celibate. These *are* the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from mankind as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. **5** And no lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

Understanding Text

John had a vision of the Lamb standing on Mount Zion and the people singing a beautiful new song. The 144,000 singing the new song is not a number of specific people, but represents the entire number of saved believers. They don't follow idols, they follow Jesus the Lamb, and they are pure and unfeigned.

Understanding the text for leaders

God showed the persecuted saints the joy of victory and salvation. He didn't want them to forget that even though they were suffering under persecution, they were God's own people. The wicked who resist God may seem to last forever, but because God is the Lord of the whole world, they will eventually perish. And the saved people who stand with the Lamb will sing a beautiful song of salvation. This is a message from God that encourages us to persevere and wait for the final victory in the midst of extreme hardship. There are a total of 144,000 believers who sing the song of salvation. 144,000 represents the perfect number. 144,000, which is considered a perfect number by multiplying 12 by 12 and multiplying the maximum number of 1,000, was considered the most perfect number by the Israelites. God is the One who saves all the people He wants to save, without losing any of them. The 144,000 who are saved are standing next to the Lamb, and their foreheads are marked with the names of Jesus Christ and God the Father. When people followed idols and did evil, they followed only Jesus Christ and relied on God. The expression "not defiled with a woman" shows the faith of not worshipping idols but serving God alone. Victorious with the Lamb, they offer God a loud and beautiful new song of salvation. God remembers this scene in our hearts and encourages us not to give up on living by faith.

4. Sharing

1) Who are these beautiful birds singing in the heavens? Look up all the descriptions of them (verses 1, 4~5).

Upper Grades

What kind of people are those who stand with Jesus and sing the beautiful song of salvation? (verses 1, 4~5)

Lower Grades

Who were the people who stood with Jesus and sang the beautiful song of salvation? (verses 1, 4~5)

Question Guide

The 144,000 with the Lamb in heaven sing in a new song. Find out who the 144,000 singing the new song are and what their characteristics are like.

Comments for Leaders

On the foreheads of the 144,000 people who sing the new song, the name of the Lamb (Jesus) and the name of the Father (God) are written. They were pure people who were not defiled with women, who did not worship idols but served God alone. It is easy to think that those who are to be saved must be without falsehood or blemish, but salvation is entirely by God's grace. They are the ones who have lived in God's grace, obeying God's calling and choosing. In other words, they have gone through the process of sanctification and glorification by God's grace. Therefore, the unfeigned and blameless image can be seen as a depiction of those who have been saved.

2) Am I following Jesus (the Lamb)? Share how you follow Jesus at home, at school, and at work.

Upper Grades

I am a student, child, and citizen of God's kingdom. Divide how you will live your life according to your different roles .

Lower Grades

How should I, God's children, live in order to please God?

□ Question Guide

The description of the 144,000 tells us why we should live like God's people on earth. Think about your role at home, at school, and at work. And share how to follow the Lamb and live like God's people.

□ Comments for Leaders

We must remember that we live in this world, but we are not of this world, but God's chosen and possessed people (1 Peter 2:9). When we think about what it means to live as God's people, we can live a life of sanctification and glorification of God on this earth. The last thing a person who has lived a life of faith is to sing a new song of salvation before the throne of God. But we cannot live righteously or without feign or blemish on our own. When we make decisions and choices to obey God's will, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit at every moment, we can follow the Lamb and live a life like God's people.

≡ 5. Be grateful

Thank God for making me one of the people of heaven and making me sing the new song of salvation.

≡ 6. Prayer

God, I believe that following Jesus the Lamb is the way to heaven. Please guide us, who are full of sins, with the Holy Spirit every day, so that we can live like God's people on this earth, enter the kingdom of heaven, and sing the new song of salvation before the throne of God.

- End the family worship service with the Lord's Prayer.
