

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

as revealed to the Apostle John • Lesson #21 - June 23rd, 2024

(Senior Pastor Bill Rains is teaching this lesson, Chris Mobley is on a well deserved vacation.)

Revelation Chapter 5 is focused on praising and worshipping Christ

Revelation 5:6-8 “And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.”

• #1 THE BEASTS (WHO REPRESENT CREATION RECONCILED) ARE ANGELIC BEINGS (Rev. 5:8A)

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Romans 8:18 “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.”

Romans 8:19 “For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”

Romans 8:20 “For the *creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,

Romans 8:21 “Because the *creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.”

Romans 8:22 “For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.”

Romans 8:23 “And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.”

(*Creatures referenced refers to the animal kingdom that suffered the consequences of our sin.)

• #2 THE 24 ELDERS REPRESENT THE CHURCH WHO HAVE GOLDEN VIALS FULL OF THE PRAYERS OF SAINTS (Rev. 5:8B)

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“Bottled Up Prayers” from a Great Old Hymnal Book

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Ten Suggestive Prayers from the Pastor for us:

1. Pray for the salvation of souls. (Particularly for your unsaved family, wives/husband and kids, and your unsaved friends and acquaintances)
2. Pray for your young children, informing them that they have reached the point of accountability with God and they need to be saved.
3. Pray for those who are saved, but are backslidden. Pray they get back in the will of God.
4. Pray for the sick, pray for their healing and if it's not God's will to heal, pray for their comfort and realization that they will soon meet the Lord if they are born again.
5. Pray everyday that God will bring another person and their family into our church.
6. Pray for your Pastor, pray that he continues to "lay it on the line" regarding his trust in the inspired KJV Bible and the cure for sin in our lives.
7. Pray that your Pastor resists the temptation to stop doing some things he's supposed to do.
8. Pray that we don't condemn people, but love everyone just as Jesus loves us. ("Don't tell them that Jesus loves them unless you are willing to love them too.")
9. Pray that God prepares "replacements and reinforcements" of leadership in the Church when these same great leaders near the end of their earthly journeys. We're in a spiritual battle and we need constant renewal to resist the "wiles" of the devil.
10. Pray for our Sunday School Teachers, that they stay on course to train up our children in church. Pray that God prepares for their replacements as well.

Lets "Bottled Up" these prayers so their "odours" will be pleasing to God.

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