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In our last podcast we wrapped up our discussion regarding the judgment and destruction of the Harlot, that city the great, mystery Babylon. This powerful being over religious apostasy was thrown down and stripped of everything. God gave 3 reasons for her judgment. We finished Revelation 18 with a reminder that God commands us to come out of her lest we participate in her judgment. Let's pick back up and start our journey through *Revelation 19*.

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Revelation 19

Overview: Rejoicing over the Judgment of the Harlot. The Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Second Coming, and The Doom of the Beast and the False Prophet.

There is so much going on in this chapter that it hits like a whirlwind. It starts with epic worship because the Harlot has been demolished, then the text transitions to the marriage supper of the Lamb, the Second Coming of Christ, and the judgment of both the Beast and the False Prophet. These angelic majesties finally get their due. Timing wise, we are at the end of the second 3.5-year period of the Tribulation.

Revelation 19:1-6

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"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bondservants on her."

And a second time they said,

"Hallelujah! Her smoke **now** rises up forever and ever."

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell and worshiped God who chooses to **now** be sitting on the throne **now** saying,

"Amen. Hallelujah!"

And a voice came from the throne, **now** saying,

"You are commanded to **now** praise our God, all you His bondservants, ***all you His bondservants***, you who are caused to **now** be fearing Him, ***you who are caused to now be fearing Him***, both the small and the great, ***the small and the great.***"

Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, **now** saying,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, has reigned.

4x Hallelujah + 1 Command of Praise

Though we are not specifically told, it seems apparent that with the phrase "*After these things,*" John has been pulled back from the wilderness where he saw the demise of the Harlot and is back in the throne room of God. There is a total of five (5) utterances of praise and exaltation, a beautiful expression that can only come forth by the grace of God, by what He alone has done. Four of these utterances, with four being a representation of all of creation, from the North to the South to the East and the West, there are acclamations of Hallelujah.

The first 2 expressions are related to the demise of the Harlot. The 3rd is an agreement of those first 2 utterances. The 4th is an exhortation to the bondservants of God to praise Him. And the 5th is simply a line of pure worship. Let's go through each of these.

Hallelujah 1

"After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, now saying, 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God; because His judgments are true and righteous; for He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her immorality, and He has avenged the blood of His bondservants on her.'" This proclamation, being rendered in the *present* tense is happening even now. The multitude in heaven is not bound to the order of time as we are and like John's experience in the heavens, they see what is and what will come to be in our temporal realm as a current reality.

As always, this is a fulfillment of what the One who is the First and the Last has already pronounced.

Jeremiah 51:47-48

Therefore behold, days are coming when I will punish the idols of Babylon; and her whole land will be put to shame and all her slain will fall in her midst. **Then heaven and earth and all that is in them will shout for joy over Babylon.**

The word "*Hallelujah*" is of Hebrew origin combining "*halal*," which means "to be clear, to shine, or to rave" and "Yah" or "Ya", which is a shortened form of **Yahweh**, the everlasting name of God. It is an adoring exclamation of praise to **Yahweh**.

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. This great multitude in heaven are ascribing attributes of greatness to **our** God. And it is a very personal declaration, as they use the personal pronoun "**our**" – our God. In effect, they are saying that with His power and glory He has saved them from the Harlot. And that is something over which we should all be rejoicing. She is destroyed, and His bondservants are saved from her wickedness and rule.

This next part of the hallelujah is pulled from the **Psalms**. "*The judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether.*"¹ A similar phrase is found in the song of Moses, "*A God of faithfulness and without injustice, righteous and upright is He.*"²

This is one of the most solid, comforting, and trustworthy aspects of our God that differentiates Him from everyone and everything else. There is no corruption or bias in His judgment, it is righteous through and through. And this woman deserves judgment for all that she has corrupted and destroyed upon this earth. This woman deserves judgment for brutally slaying the children of God. As such His vengeance is just. And, since He is the only one who is holy (set apart from all others in His righteousness), He is the only one who is in the position to execute this righteous vengeance and fulfill the promise He made to the souls who had been caused to being slain because of the word of God and because of the testimony which they maintained.³

The statement that He has avenged the blood of His bondservants comes from the **Codex**, from a song which Moses taught to the children of Israel. It is a song that looked far past the judgment on those living in Canaan to the **End Times** when God would finally bring retribution and vengeance upon those who would afflict His people. It is not a song for the faint of heart.

Deuteronomy 32:35-43

'Vengeance is Mine, and retribution, in due time their foot will slip; for the day of their calamity is near, and the impending things are hastening upon them.' "For **Yahweh** will vindicate His people, and will have compassion on His servants, when He sees that their strength is gone, and there is none remaining, bond or free. "And He will say, 'Where are their gods, the rock in which they sought refuge? 'Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you, let them be your hiding place!

'See now that I, I am He, and there is no god besides Me; it is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, and there is no one who can deliver from My hand. 'Indeed, I lift up My hand to heaven, and say, as I live forever, If I sharpen My flashing sword, and My hand takes hold on justice, I will render vengeance on My adversaries, and I will repay those who hate Me. 'I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword will devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the long-haired leaders of the enemy.' "Rejoice, O nations, with His people; **for He will avenge the blood of His servants**, and will render vengeance on His adversaries, and will atone for His land and His people."

Hallelujah 2

"And a second time they **said**, "Hallelujah! Her smoke **now** rises up forever and ever." Oddly, this time however they were not "*now saying*" as we have repeatedly seen this expression rendered, but they "**said**." It is rendered in the *perfect active indicative*. This means this comment is something this great

¹ **Psalm 19:9**

² **Deuteronomy 32:4**

³ **Revelation 6:9-11**

multitude in heaven has said in the past.

In a way, that is a hint, a **Code**, that we need to look back in the **Codex** to see if we can find this phrase or this expression. And there is a connected phrase, but the connection, in context, is bizarre as the Spirit is making a much larger point even beyond the death of this Harlot.

Isaiah 34:8-10

For it is the day of the Lord's revenge, the year when Edom will be paid back for all it did to **Zion**. The streams of Edom will be filled with burning pitch, and the ground will be covered with fire. This judgment on Edom will never end; **the smoke of its burning will rise forever**. The land will lie deserted from generation to generation. No one will live there anymore.

This is a prophecy regarding the destruction of Edom. Edom was the nation that descended from Esau, the brother of Jacob. Both Esau and the nation of Edom possess a unique prophetic role that has multiple layers. "Esau" is **Code** for those whom God hates ("*Jacob I loved but Esau I hated*") and as a term it applies to those who took advantage of God's people while they were in exile in Babylon.⁴ Edom refused to help their "brothers" in their time of need, sold them as slaves, and even abused them while they were exiled. "*Because of violence to your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame, and you will be cut off forever.*"⁵

*"Though Edom says, 'We have been beaten down, but we will return and build up the ruins'; thus says **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of hosts), 'They may build, but I will tear down; and men will call them the wicked territory, and **the people toward whom Yahweh is indignant forever.**'"*⁶

The book of **Obadiah** details the judgment against the nation of Edom and the prophet Obadiah declares that they will be erased from history. As a nation, they were wiped off the face of the earth and the nation was never restored.

As we have discussed, the reference to "Zion" is also **Code** for the Called and Chosen and Faithful, the true believers who follow the Lamb wherever He goes, the true city in which **Yahweh** dwells. This is pictured for us in **Hebrews 12:22** and **Revelation 14:1-3**.

Edom, the nation that came from the brother of Jacob, oppressed Zion. As brothers, they should have cared for and protected Zion and not have taken advantage of them during their time of exile. Are you getting the picture? This is where the interesting layers come into play.

- Who like Esau are brothers of the Called and Chosen and Faithful?
- Who like Esau did things his own way, seeking out his own means to power and glory as in the tale of the "desirable garments," those clothes he stole from Nimrod?
- Who like Esau traded his Birthright for immediate provision?

The answer: the **Called** – those who love the Harlot and will never leave her great city of religious

⁴ **Malachi 1:2; Romans 9:13**

⁵ **Obadiah 9**

⁶ **Malachi 1:4**

apostasy. These are those whom Jesus spoke about when He said, “They will in the **future** make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour chooses to **now** come for everyone who has been killing you to think that he **now** is offering service to God. These things they will in the **future** do because they have not known the Father or Me.”⁷

Those in the household of God who have not chosen to make the decision to be a son of God, to live in absolute dependence upon Him for all things all the time will turn on the true believers, their brothers. They will be fully convinced they are doing a service for God. Brother turning in brother. The Called, like Esau, will give up their birthright to be a son of God and to live in freedom, to be part of the great city, Babylon, doing all manner of amazing religious deeds in the name of God. They will continue to seek the glory, honor, and power that they find in her great city, they will continue to drink the wine of her immorality.

Matthew 10:16-19, 21-22

Behold, I **now** send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; you are commanded to choose to **now** be shrewd as serpents and innocent as doves. But you are commanded to **now** beware of men, for they will in the **future** hand you over to the courts and in the **future** scourge you in their *synagogues* {their churches} and you will in the **future** be caused to be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles... Brother will In the **future** betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will in the **future** choose to rise up against parents and in the **future** put them to death. You will choose, in the **future**, to **now** be caused to being hated by all because of My name, but it is the one who has been enduring to the end who will in the **future** be caused to be saved.

We saw this truth come to full fruition in the treatment of the two witnesses in **Revelation 11**. Their death though caused by the Beast came at the hands of their brothers, those through whom the Beast waged war, those who love and serve the Harlot in the name of Jesus.

As a result, God declares, “Because of violence to your brother Jacob, you will be covered with shame, and you will be cut off forever.”⁸ In that place of outer darkness where they will be cast, there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.⁹ Six (6) times in the book of **Matthew**, the Spirit makes this point. It is a **WARNING** to the men and women who abide in the Harlot’s great city. And then just to complete the thought, He states it a seventh (7th) time in the book of **Luke**.

Hence, they **said**, “Hallelujah! Her smoke **now** rises up forever and ever.” And with “rises” being rendered in the *present active indicative*, her smoke even **now** rises, as God is even **now** judging both the Harlot (Babylon the Great) and those who turn against their brothers, in the name of Jesus.

⁷ **John 16:2-3**

⁸ **Obidiah 9**

⁹ **Matthew 8:12, 13:42, 50, 22:13, 24:51, 25:30; Luke 13:28**

Malachi 1:1-5

"I have loved you," says **Yahweh**. But you say, "How have You loved us?" "Was not Esau Jacob's brother?" declares **Yahweh**. Yet I have loved Jacob; but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation and appointed his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness."

Though Edom says, "We have been beaten down, but we will return and build up the ruins"; thus says **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of hosts), "They may build, but I will tear down; and men will call them the wicked territory, and the people toward whom **Yahweh** is indignant forever." Your eyes will see this, and you will say, " **Yahweh** be magnified beyond the border of Israel!"

The people toward whom **Yahweh** is indignant forever is displayed in their being cast into the outer darkness where, as a state of their eternal existence, is wailing and gnashing of teeth (wailing and gnashing are nouns). The Called of God, and the Chosen who did not endure and were not found to be worshipping in the Sanctuary, will be so confused and upset believing they were serving Jesus when all the time they were beholden to the Harlot, for they will share in her judgment of death, mourning, and famine.

Hallelujah 3

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell and worshiped God who chooses to **now** be sitting on the throne, **now** saying, 'Amen. *Hallelujah!*'" Of the great multitude in heaven, the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures who surround the throne of God, exclaim in agreement, "Amen (*So be it*). *Hallelujah!*" They are even now making this proclamation of assent.

Whose Side Are We On

How many people have you encountered who are now rejoicing over this woman's demise. It seems far too many have been seduced and are rooting for her and not against her. Just because the things people do are branded with Jesus' name and are with the motivation of spreading the gospel or advancing the kingdom does not mean that the Father recognizes those acts as anything but lawless, unsanctioned, unauthorized. We should no longer be looking at the deeds of ministry, but for the hallmark indication of freedom from the Harlot's seductions, and that is the evidence of God's *agape* love.

Love is the Proof

For there to be *agape* love in our lives and in our ministries, there must be death, as it is the only way the One who is *agape* love will be free to live in-and-through our lives and express His love to others. *Agape* love is still the proof and *agape* love will always be the proof.

Join In the Praise

And a voice came from the throne, **now** saying, "You are commanded to **now** praise our God, all you His bondservants, **all you His bondservants**, you who are caused to **now** be fearing Him, **you who are caused to now be fearing Him**, both the small and the great, **the small and the great.**"

God, who chooses to **now** be sitting on the throne **now** directs, commands, His people to **now** praise our God. This is likely the voice of the Son of God commanding His people to worship the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. But this command is awfully specific, it is given to His bondservants, to those who do

only what the Father tells them to do, go where the Father tells them to go, and says what the Father tells them to say, and then only when He says so. This command is given to those who are truly His disciples and who have found their freedom from the Harlot.

This phrase, "... *all you His bondservants.*" is parsed and rendered in both the *nominative* and *vocative* case, therefore, it is repeated with heightened emotion and emphasis, "***all you His bondservants...***" He wants us to not confuse His bondservants with all those in His house who are doing amazing things in His name. Like those in the church at Ephesus and Sardis, they may look like bondservants, they are vigilant in defending the faith and doing all manner of Christian works, but their deeds are lawless, and they have been cut off from Christ. That is why He is speaking in this manner; He does not want us to confuse a big leafy tree with the fruit that is produced directly from His life.

Being rendered in the *passive* voice, this particular group has been caused to now be fearing Him. This statement is also parsed and rendered in both the *nominative* and *vocative* case, therefore, it is repeated with heightened emotion and emphasis, "***you who are caused to now be fearing Him...***"

This is a loud reminder that the Lord's bondservants live by **GRACE**, by what God does for them, where all that they have and all that they do that will follow them into eternity is accomplished by the Spirit of God who lives in-and-through them. For "*if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.*"¹⁰ And this is so that no man should boast.¹¹ But if they in any way were part of the process to cause them to now be fearing Him, they would need to also give praise to themselves, even if their deeds were just .00000001% done by them. "*Praise Be to Me.*"

What an unthinkable idea. Yet, that is how so many who abide within the household of God live, where they think that grace is something God adds to cover or to fill-in where they fall short. But that is a lie of the Harlot, an abomination of delusion mixed in the cup of the harlot.

**A BONDSERVANT OF GOD LIVES BY GRACE AND THEIR RIGHTEOUSNESS IS
ACCOUNTED TO THEM. IT IS NOT EARNED, NOR IS IT DESERVED.
IT IS A GIFT OF GOD.**

Then in another parsed statement, God gives this command to "*both the small and the great, **the small and the great.***" This is intended to be so comforting. It is intended to strip from us our desire for the Harlot and our yearning for her seductions. The "small and the great" is a picture of those bondservants through whom God does little and those through whom He does much. He is assuring His bondservants that He only wants them to do what He wants, when He wants.

This is not a competition and God does not measure results the way we do. If the work He does through a bondservant is small and unassuming, awesome. And if that work is great and impressive and garnishes a lot of attention, awesome. In God's eyes they are both the same, since they are the works of His Father which Jesus does, and they are not our works. The measurement is always the source of our works and not the substance or volume of our works.

¹⁰ **Romans 11:6**

¹¹ **1 Corinthians 1:29, 4:7; Ephesians 2:8-9**

THE SOURCE MATTERS, THE SOURCE IS EVERYTHING!

Consider Jesus' words in response to Phillip, a follower.

John 14:8-14

Philip **now** says to Him, "Lord, you are commanded to show us the Father, and it is **now** enough for us." Jesus **now** says to him, "Have I **now** been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, **Philip**? He who has been seeing Me has seen the Father; how can you **now** say, 'you are commanded to show us the Father'?"

Do you not **now** believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is **now** in Me? The words that I **now** say to you I do not **now** speak on My own initiative, but the Father **now** abiding in Me **now** does His works. "You are commanded to **now** believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me; otherwise, you are commanded to **now** believe because of the works themselves.

Truly, truly, I **now** say to you, he who is **now** believing in Me, the works that I **now** do, in the future he will do also; and greater works than these he will in the future do because I choose to **now** go to the Father.

Whatever you **may** ask in My name, in the future that will I do, so that the Father may be caused to be glorified in the Son. "If you **may** ask Me anything in My name, in the future I will do it.

As the Father did His work in Jesus, so too will Jesus do the Father's work in-and-through our lives, if we let Him. Some of those works may not be great in number and some will be voluminous. "*Truly, truly, I **now** say to you, he who is **now** believing in Me, the works that I **now** do, in the future he will do also; and greater works than these he will in the future do because I choose to **now** go to the Father.*"

Whether He does small or a great number of works in-and-through our lives, it all comes down to our need to now be believing. But both the small and the great are commanded to now praise our God for His judgment of the Harlot which He does and will do for those who are now believing.

Hallelujah 4

*"Then I heard something like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, **now** saying, "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Almighty, has reigned."*

This description is reminiscent of the great multitude, the throngs, which no one could count from every nation, tribe, peoples, and tongue standing before the throne and before the Lamb clothed in white robes and palm branches in hand. This was the great collective of bondservants who even **now** are making the choice to be coming out of the great tribulation.¹² And in response to Jesus's command to now give

¹² See **Revelation 7:9-17**. Note: "the ones who come out of the great tribulation" is rendered in the *present middle participle (7:14)* – it is a choice which they are even now making.

praise to God, they respond in a triumphant and deafening roar because His judgments are true and righteous, He has avenged the blood of His bondservants on her, and Her smoke **now** rises up forever and ever. This is a glorious reason to **now** be saying, "*Hallelujah! For the Lord our God, the Omnipotent, reigns.*"¹³

On a side note, even though this is the fifth utterance, which according to the **Code** is the utterance of **GRACE**, it is the fourth Hallelujah, which according to the **Code** would be the cry that comes forth from all of creation. It is also the 14th spontaneous outburst of praise, which is in-and-of-itself **Code**.

4:8	4 Living Creatures.
4:11	24 Elders.
5:9-10	24 Elders and 4 Living Creatures.
5:12	Many Angels, the 4 Living Creatures, and the 24 Elders.
5:13	Every Creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea.
7:10	Martyrs who are now choosing to come out of the great tribulation.
7:12	Angels, 24 Elders, 4 Living Creatures.
11:16-18	24 Elders.
15:3-4	Saints of God – true believers.
16:5-6	Angel.
16:7	A voice from the Altar.
19:1-3	Great multitudes.
19:4	24 Elders and 4 Living Creatures.
19:6-8	Great multitudes.

The reason the number 14 is significant is that $14 = 7+7$ or 7×2 which is **Code** for the superabundant or a double completion (7 is the number of completions), and it is also a picture of witness (the number 2). In short, the Lord our God is worthy of total and complete praise.

The Lord

"For the **Lord** our God." This great multitude declares in no uncertain terms that Jesus is **Yahweh Adonai**, the Lord, the ruler, the despot, the One and only from who are all things, through are all things, and to are all things.¹⁴ Everything has its genesis in in the One who is the **Alpha** and the **Omega**. This means that in our lives there is and has been nothing rogue or random that has transpired. All things have happened according to His **Plan-A**.

As the **Codex** clearly says, "*I know, O Yahweh, that a man's way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps.*"¹⁵ It is in His foreknowledge of the choices we will make, given any set of circumstances, that He predestines the paths of our lives. He is the Lord. Yes, we still make choices, He does not make those for us, but He has determined every set of circumstances that He knows will drive the choices we will make. Understanding this, King David wrote: "... in Your book were written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there were none of them."¹⁶

¹³ "saying" is rendered in the *present active participle*

¹⁴ **Romans 11:36**. See also **1 Corinthians 8:6, 11:12; Colossians 1:16; Hebrews 2:10**

¹⁵ **Jeremiah 10:23** See also **Romans 8:29-30**

¹⁶ **Psalms 139:16**

Psalms 37:23-24

The steps of a man are established by **Yahweh**, and He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, because **Yahweh** is the One who holds his hand.

Together, these verses mean that when we look back on our lives and all the paths we have walked, whether the experience was wonderful or abjectly horrible, and whether we handled them with evil or with righteousness, they were all purposeful paths laid out for us by **Yahweh Adonai**, **Yahweh** the Lord, and we were led to them and through them by **Yahweh Raah** (our Shepherd).¹⁷ They were and they are His paths because we have belonged to Him from the beginning, well, technically, from before the beginning.¹⁸

As such, all things in our life are and never have been out of control or as scary as we thought or as they may have seemed. He says that He carried us from before we were born. How amazing is that. He is the Lord.

Our

*“For the Lord **our** God.”* I love that these bondservants make it personal: *“the Lord **our** God.”* They have completely and collectively inhabited His personhood into their lives and the Lord God is not just God, or some apparition that they desire to see, touch, and know; rather, they have come to see the One who sits on the throne, and they have realized that He is the Lord **their** God.

It has always been personal to God, and it is beautiful that His bondservants have finally embraced this truth and relate to Him as their God.¹⁹ This judgment of Harlot was for them. He remembers His words; He promised a recompense and He delivered on His word.

God

*“For the Lord **our** **God**.”* He is God the who is above all, the One who lives outside of time, the ever existent one with no beginning and no end, in fact He is the beginning and the End as all things have their origin in Him, and all things come to fruition through Him.²⁰

When **Yahweh** gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision, He said, *“I am God, Almighty (El Shaddai).”*²¹ When He changed Jacob’s name to Israel (the God of God prevails), He said, *“I am God, Almighty (El Shaddai).”*²² He instructs us to rest and cease striving because He is God.²³ He even tells the “ends of the earth” to turn to Him and be saved for He is God and there is no other. He is the only one

¹⁷ **Yahweh Adonai** (**Yahweh** the Sovereign or Lord); **Yahweh Raah** (**Yahweh** our Shepherd).

¹⁸ See ***Ephesians 1:4, 2:10; 2 Thessalonians 2:13***

¹⁹ ***Psalm 50:7***

²⁰ ***Revelation 3:4, 21:6, 22:13***

²¹ ***Genesis 17:1***

²² ***Genesis 35:11***

²³ ***Psalm 46:10***

who swears by Himself, for there is no one greater.²⁴ Can you imagine? He even says, “Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure.’”²⁵

As God, He is the Creator of all, and the one who is all knowing, all present, and all powerful, to whom all the angels and demons submit. He is God and there is no other. All the so-called “gods” (the fallen angels who manifest themselves to humanity as gods) have been created by Him and are just tools that He uses to accomplish His purposes; they are His servants, spirits now caused to being sent to care for those now being, now heirs, of salvation.²⁶ And all the spirits, both the good and the bad angels, perform His word, obeying the voice of His word, and serve Him doing His will!²⁷

The Almighty has Reigned

“For the Lord our God the **Almighty** has reigned.” This proclamation should bring us great comfort and great peace. This means that the one who is **ours**, has always been in control, has always been overseeing all events of our lives, and has always been doing as He wills, and no one and nothing has been able to thwart His purpose in our lives.

Isaiah 14:27

For **Yahweh Sabaoth** (the Lord of hosts) has planned, and who can frustrate it? And as for His stretched-out hand, who can turn it back?

During our journey through this life, it is ridiculously hard to remember this truth, because most of the events of our lives cause us to feel like it cannot be true. But one thing that can help us to remember this truth is to never forget that our true home, our dwelling place, is in the heavenlies above, hence, the image we are given of the 24-Elders as well as the Spirit’s encouragement to those who have been “*caused to be raised up with Christ*” to the heavenly realms. The Spirit does not say, “since you have” but “*if you have been caused to be.*” In other words, He is addressing His encouragement not to all those in the household of God, but to those His bondservants, those who even now abide in the heavenlies.

And that is why we are commanded to **now** not set our affection on the things on the earth.²⁸ We are aliens and strangers in this world, and we are not to be those who identify their purpose and meaning in the things of this world.²⁹ We are to find our entire purpose and meaning in our relationship with the Lord **our** God the Almighty who has reigned.

We are His precious possession, so too is He ours, and He wants us to embrace this truth.³⁰ He wants

²⁴ See **Isaiah 45:22-23**

²⁵ **Isaiah 46:9-10**

²⁶ **Hebrews 1:14**

²⁷ See **Psalms 103:20-21**

²⁸ See **Colossians 3:1**

²⁹ See **Hebrews 11:13; 1 Peter 2:11**

³⁰ See **1 Peter 2:9-10**

us to know this to be true, at the very core of our being, such that we will live day-in and day-out as if He is the Lord, **our** God, the Almighty who has reigned. He does not want us to live any longer as those who think that their lives are subject to fate or are merely a product of the consequences of their choices. He is the Lord our God Almighty and He now reigns and will always reign.

Think about it! The implication of this truth is fantastic. Jesus reigns supreme. No one can even pose a challenge to His Lordship because He is God, and He is all powerful, the Almighty. The woman who rides the Beast is destroyed by Him, the dragon can do nothing against Him, the demons can do nothing against Him, the Beast is powerless against Him, the False Prophet will be crushed by Him, and all of humanity could not even survive if it were not for Him. This is the one to whom we are betrothed. And that is why He tells us that we can confidently now say: *“The Lord is my helper; I will not in the **future** be caused to be afraid. What in the **future** can man do to me?”*³¹

Let’s stop here and in our next podcast pick back up with the marriage supper of the Lamb.

I am glad you “tuned in” and have been “ready to listen.”

³¹ *Hebrews 13:6*