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NEWSLETTER

Volume 46, No. 33, August 17, 2021 / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD JESUS CHRIST!"***

THE 14 SONGS OF HEAVEN— EQUIPPING SAINTS FOR DAILY LIVING! [Outline of article, drawn from THE SONGS OF

HEAVEN, by Robert E. Coleman]

The true, Bible-believing, Christ-focused church today is especially under siege. Many are seeking to destroy her. Evil forces are becoming more brazen in their deadly assaults. The cause of the righteous seems doomed and the disciples of Christ defeated. HOWEVER, the people of God do not, must not, look at the conflicts and spiritual wars from the vantage point of the world. WHATEVER MAY BE OUR EXPERIENCE in this present world — THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST WILL NEVER PERISH! We MUST SEE, present and future struggles IN THE LIGHT OF, (from our position of), BEING SEATED WITH CHRIST in the heavenly realms! (Eph. 2:6)

THE SONGS OF HEAVEN, INDEED THE WHOLE BIBLE, HELP US look at life from God's REALITY! The daily news casts of the world give us DISTORTED information of what man is or might be doing. ***THE REAL NEWS IS WHAT GOD has done, is doing, and will be doing! THE SONGS OF THE REVELATION ARE INDEED— MUSIC TO THE EARS OF THE SAINTS OF GOD IN CHRIST! Let us listen, read, say, sing, and heed HEAVEN'S MUSIC!***

1. ANTHEM OF THE TRIUNE GOD: (Revelation 4:8) “The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: **“Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!”** **NOTE:** Life tumbles in with troubles, trials, tribulations and more— My what an important song for us to be saying/singing day and night

2. THE CREATION HYMN: (Revelation 4:9-11) “Whenever the [4] living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, **SAYING:** “ You are worthy, O Lord, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will [for YOUR pleasure!] they are and were created.”

NOTE: This song affirms the incomparable worthiness of our Lord... Calling us to embrace: *“Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.”* This song affirms that God deserves all our heart’s adoration; and when DAILY said/sung it will help keep us on the ‘straight and narrow’ road home!

3. THE NEW SONG of REDEMPTION: (Revelation 5:8-10)
⁸Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For **You were slain,** And **have redeemed us** to God **by Your blood** Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰And have **made us kings and priests** to our God; And **we shall reign** on the earth.”

NOTE: The world is trying to BEAT YOU INTO it's mold! DESTROY their efforts by DAILY saying/singing this CONFESSION of your true identity in Christ and of your grand purpose while on earth!

4. THE ANGEL'S CHORALE (Revelation 5:11-12) ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many ANGELS around the throne, the [4] living creatures, and the [24] elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" **NOTE:** Daily glorying in the LAMB grows spiritual backbone!

5. THE CRESCENDO of the UNIVERSE (Revelation 5:13-14) ¹³And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" ¹⁴Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.

NOTE: Trump, Biden, Bill Gates, Fauci, The World Economic Forum, the CDC... etc... ARE NOT FOREVER! **JESUS IS FOREVER. JESUS IS ON HIS THRONE; and we must be about Kingdom Business. Let us pray: "GIVE US BOLDNESS for the GOSPEL!"**

6. THE MARTYR'S CHANT: (Revelation 6:9-10) ⁹When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held.

¹⁰ And they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

NOTE: QUOTE: “SINCE the Captain of our Salvation learned obedience through His sufferings, how can we expect to understand Calvary love on beds of ease?”

7. THE SONG of SALVATION: (Revelation 7:9-10) ⁹ After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, saying,
 “Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

NOTE: QUOTE: “Saints may be bruised and threadbare from struggles on earth, but now in heaven they are clothed in the clean, white robes of victory. Old things are passed away. The saints rejoice forever more!”

8. THE ANGELIC ‘AMEN’: (Revelation 7:11-12) ¹¹ All the ANGEL stood around the throne and the [24] elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: “**Amen!** Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. **Amen!**”

NOTE: OVER THE CENTURIES millions OF SAINTS HAVE SUFFERED AND HAVE BEEN MARTYRED. IT IS HAPPENING TODAY. THERE WILL BE MORE. Like Paul and Silas, they MAY HAVE SUNG in their prison cells and/or... on the way to their fiery deaths! Now in heaven, they are still sure it was worth it! They still sing! And (7:12) the angels agree!

9. THE KINGDOM CAROL: (Revelation 11:15) ¹⁵ Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

NOTE: There is coming a day when the rule of this world will pass into the hands of the rightful King! It matters not what our lot be here on earth - ***it only matters on the day of Revelation 11:15, THAT WE WILL be rejoicing and not angry! (Revelation 11:18)***

10. THE PSALM OF JUDGMENT: (Revelation 11:16-18)

¹⁶ “And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, ¹⁷ saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned. ¹⁸ The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

NOTE: This is a hymn of thanksgiving to GOD— who has with mighty power, taken charge of the situation! CHRISTIAN: GOD will judge evil; and He will PRESERVE and reward His saints!

11. THE SHOUT of the OVERCOMERS: (Revelation 12:9-11)

⁹ “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for

the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”

NOTE: QUOTE: “The secret is in the inner experience of the cross — that joyous dedication to fulfill the will of God, whatever the cost. Our understanding of the meaning of the cross deepens as we follow our Lord!” (Galatians 2:20)

[IN REVELATION, 13 & 14, two beasts are revealed. They are vital in Satan’s strategy! They kill multitudes of saints, followers of the Lamb. In the words of Romans 8:36, “As it is written: **“For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”** (Ps. 44:22) **HOWEVER,** THIS is not defeat for these redeemed Lamb Followers— **for in Revelation, 15, WE HAVE,**

12. THE SONG of Moses and the LAMB: (Revelation 15:1-4)

“Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete. ² And I saw *something* like a sea of glass mingled with fire, **and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.** ³ **They sing** the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: **“Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty!** Just and true *are* Your ways, O King of the saints! ⁴ Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For *You alone are* holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments are made manifest.”

NOTE: ALL the 14 songs of the Revelation are full of JOY and the REJOICING of the redeemed— no one laments that while on earth,

they did not escape hardships, persecution, and martyrdom... or that they did not receive a 'pre-tribulation' rapture!

13. THE HALLELUJAH Chorus: (Revelation 19:1-4) After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, **"Alleluia!** Salvation and glory and honor and power *belong* to the Lord our God! ²For true and righteous *are* His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants *shed* by her." ³Again they said, **"Alleluia!** Her smoke rises up forever and ever!" ⁴And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, **"Amen! Alleluia!"**

NOTE: A package from a poet, Charles Jenners, containing **"A Sacred Oratorio"** was given to George F. Handel at a time when he was going through a severe depression. HANDEL leafed through the manuscript and suddenly his eyes fell on, "He was despised and rejected of men... He looked for someone to have pity on Him, but there was no man: neither found He any to comfort Him."

Handel read on, "He trusted in God... God did not leave His soul in Hell..." Soon came, "Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace... I know that my Redeemer liveth... Rejoice... Hallelujah!"

HANDEL GRABBED A PEN AND STARTED WRITING. Music for the words began to flow with great swiftness... For 24 hours Handel remained in his room... food was left untouched... Sometimes with a piece of bread in his hands—he would suddenly drop it as some new inspiration had to be put on paper. At times TEARS DROPPED on the pages he penned. At times he would run to the harpsichord, waving his arms in the air, singing aloud, **"HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!"** **Later Handel shared,**

“I think I did see all heaven open before me, and the great God Himself!”

SPECIAL NOTE: Charles Jenners’ “A Sacred Oratorio” is but a gathering of SCRIPTURE from Genesis all the way to and through the Revelation.

TO THE DEGREE that I have no interest in MEDITATION upon such Scriptures; and/or TO THE DEGREE that I can read through them and BE UNMOVED— I am either woefully BACKSLIDDEN or a stranger to saving grace.

14. THE SYMPHONY of the Marriage Feast: (Revelation 19:5-7) ⁵Then a voice came from the throne, saying, “Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!” ⁶And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, **“Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!** ⁷**Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”**

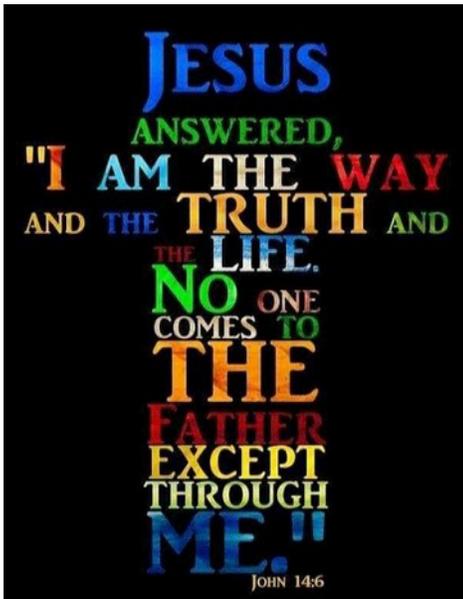
NOTE: A grand key for enduring trials and tribulations; and for grace to stay on course— is to remember where we are going and what awaits all who are in Christ: thus, let us often meditate on Revelation 19:5-7 and Revelation 21-21!

GRACE TO ALL! James Bell www.southsidegallatin.org

NEWS NOTES:

EVERY Saturday, * 8:00 AM, 8/21/21 — Men’s Bible Study: THE BOOK OF JOB, Chapter 6 & 7!** (Doors open by 7:30am... coffee, juice, donuts, and Hardee’s Biscuits are available!)

***** Ladies Bible Study! NEXT STUDY, AUGUST 31 @ 11:00 AM**



SUNDAY SERVICES, AUGUST 22, 29:

***** Sunday School at 9:30am:** Nursery, Children's classes, Youth, and Adult classes.

***** WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45am!**

SPECIAL EVENTS:

****** AUGUST 22, 5:00pm-** Church Wide WORSHIP SERVICE in the auditorium! A variety of

singing/praise... FOLLOWED BY THE PREACHING OF THE WORD OF GOD!

******* AUGUST 28, SATURDAY @ 9:30 AM— DE-CLUTTER THE CHURCH BUILDING DAY!**

TUESDAYS: WEEKLY Youth Group Meeting, ages 12 and up ... Tuesdays a 7:15pm... at Jaden and Rhi's home...

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ SOUTHSIDE: 6:30pm— Come in back 'double doors' under the Drive Thru awning!

**** Adult Prayer Service ** Young FAMILIES Prayer Service**

HEALTH REMINDERS as to CHURCH SERVICES

1. IF YOU ARE SICK... [OR if you are presently in a state of high immune deficiency or if (at home or work) you are caring for one who is sick; or if you have • Fever; • Coughing; • Chills; • Headache; • Sore throat; etc.], Please stay home!]

2. IF YOU ARE HEALTHY and well... you may or may not choose to wear a mask... WE do not require; we WILL NOT provide such. WE CONTINUE to encourage FREEDOM... as to 'social distancing'— ... give sensitivity and respect one to another.

3. *In addition to carefulness, good hydration, good nutrition, and sleep— ALSO: SEEK TO BUILD UP A STRONG IMMUNE SYSTEM... I PERSONALLY TAKE ELDERBERRY, VITAMIN C, ZINC, GINGER, VITAMIN D, Quercetin, and a good multi-vitamin that includes fiber.*

4. LET each of us DO OUR PART IN personal hygiene. *IF you use the restrooms— please wash your hands with SOAP; and use nearby SANITIZER.*

5. HERE IS AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE from The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons: <https://breggin.com/covid-19-home-treatment/> // A GUIDE TO HOME-BASED EARLY STEPS AGAINST 'COVID!' PLEASE CLICK ON THE ABOVE LINK.... THIS IS A VERY HELPFUL, PRACTICAL RESOURCE!

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