

III. BEHOLD THE PRAISE FOR SALVATION

A. The praise for Jesus will be enthusiastic.

¹⁰ *“and crying out with a loud voice...”*

Revelation 7:10a

¹ *“Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.”* Psalm 95:1

B. The praise for Jesus will be focused on Him being the source of salvation.

¹⁰ *“...saying, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’”* Revelation 7:10b

¹² *“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”* Acts 4:12

IV. COMMIT TO LIVING ON MISSION

A. Make the Great Commission your mission.

¹⁹ *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

²⁰ *teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”* Matthew 28:19-20

B. Have a missionary mindset wherever you go.

²⁰ *“Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.”*

II Corinthians 5:20

C. Give to make it possible for missionaries to go where you can’t go.

¹⁵ *“And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!’”* Romans 10:15

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Introduction:

A. Do you ever wonder what heaven will be like? One thing we know is that God’s ultimate victory culminates with a massive crowd in heaven praising God. And it will include people from every nation, tribe, people and language.

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!’”* Revelation 7:9-10

God invites us to join Him in making heaven crowded. Jesus’ last command was to, *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations”* (Matthew 28:19a). And the Greek word for “nations” (ethnos) in Jesus’ command is exactly the same as the word in Revelation 7:9.

B. But there’s a problem, many people are unreached and at the moment there will be some empty sections in heaven. Join us for the Make Heaven Crowded Missions Focus & Teaching Series to draw closer to God and discover what you can do to expand the crowd in heaven.

TODAY

July 6

July 13

July 20

July 27

Aug 3

Aug 10

Let’s Make Heaven Crowded

Make Heaven Crowded By Inviting

Make Heaven Crowded By Caring

Make Heaven Crowded By Giving

Make Heaven Crowded By Praying

Make Heaven Crowded By Sending

Reaching The Unreached

C. TEXT:

Revelation 7:9-10

HOW TO MAKE HEAVEN CROWDED!

I. REALIZE THE MISSION WON'T LAST FOREVER

A. Jesus will win.

¹⁷ *"And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, 'Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.*

¹⁸ *I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.*

¹⁹ *Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.'"* Revelation 1:17-19

B. The Great Commission will end.

¹⁵ *"And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire."* Revelation 20:15

C. Eternal worship will begin.

¹¹ *"You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created."* Revelation 4:11

II. BEHOLD THE WORSHIP IN HEAVEN

"Behold" means to focus or pay attention.

A. Behold the great multitude.

"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number..." Revelation 7:9a

⁵ *"Then He brought him outside and said, 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'"* Genesis 15:5

²⁹ *"And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."* Galatians 3:29

B. Behold the great diversity.

⁹ *"...of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues..."* Revelation 7:9b

¹⁵ *"And He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.'"* Mark 16:15

C. Behold the throne.

⁹ *"...standing before the throne and before the Lamb..."* Revelation 7:9c

¹⁸ *"Then Micaiah said, 'Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing on His right hand and His left.'"* II Chronicles 18:18

D. Behold the lamb.

⁹ *"...and before the Lamb..."* Revelation 7:9d

²⁹ *"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!'"* John 1:29

E. Behold the white robes.

⁹ *"...clothed with white robes..."* Revelation 7:9e

²⁷ *"that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."* Ephesians 5:27

F. Behold the palm branches.

⁹ *"...with palm branches in their hands,"* Revelation 7:9f

¹² *"The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,*

¹³ *took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: 'Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!'"* John 12:12-13