



NEW TESTAMENT • LESSON 78

AT THE THRONE WORSHIPPING

God keeps His promises.



MONDAY

THE STORY: REVELATION 7:9

God's promise is fulfilled in heaven. The scene in heaven of a multitude of people from every nation, tribe, people, and language signals the fulfillment of God's promise. God promised by His own initiative to multiply Abraham's descendants that they would be more numerous than the stars (see Genesis 15:5) and that all nations would be blessed through him (see Genesis 12:3). These promises will one day be completely fulfilled!

TALK ABOUT IT:

What do the white robes represent? (The white robes represent the purity of the saints. The stain of sin has been removed. See Isaiah 1:18.)

Where else do you remember a celebration with palm branches? (When Jesus entered Jerusalem on a colt, they waved palm branches in celebration [see John 12:13].)

What must we do to qualify to be one of those who stand before the throne in white robes? (We must place faith in Jesus and believe that His death and resurrection paid for our sins and guaranteed our place in heaven. He did the work; we need to trust in Him.)

PRAY:

Ask God to pour out His grace so that all your family members might put their faith in Christ.



TUESDAY

THE STORY: REVELATION 7:10-12

God is exalted in heaven. When Jesus entered into Jerusalem prior to His death, the crowd shouted, “Hosanna!” and waved palm branches. Days later, many of the very same people were shouting, “Crucify Him!” Jesus rode through that first celebration toward the cross. He knew of another celebration. And it was for the joy of that later celebration that He endured the cross, scorning its shame. Here in Revelation we catch a glimpse of that other celebration. God is exalted because of the sacrifice of His Son. One day we who trust in Christ will join their heavenly chorus.

TALK ABOUT IT:

What is the great multitude celebrating? (They are celebrating God’s salvation through Jesus.)

Can we celebrate this same way today? (Yes, every Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.)

Notice that worship marks every believer. Do you think a person can be a Christian and yet not want to worship? (No, if a person is a Christian he will love to worship God. That doesn’t mean he won’t have days where he is distracted or doesn’t feel like worshipping. But if a person consistently has no desire to worship, they don’t appreciate the gospel personally and should not assume they have been born again.)

PRAY:

Pray that God would place in your heart a growing desire to worship Him.



**WEDNESDAY
WHERE IS THE GOSPEL?**

THE STORY: REVELATION 7:14

This passage of Scripture, and the entire chapter, is full of the gospel. The Lamb is Christ, who sits on the throne and has made the robes white by His blood. The blood of the Lamb is the blood of Jesus shed upon the cross for the forgiveness of the sins of all His people. The multitude worships the Lamb in heaven, and He continues to be their shepherd, guiding them to springs of living water. In John 4:10 Jesus said to the woman at the well, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.”

TALK ABOUT IT:

What does it mean that the robes were made white in the blood of the lamb? (The death of Jesus made a way for sins to be forgiven.)

What is the great tribulation? (The great tribulation is the time of suffering prior to the return of Jesus. Many consider it the worst and the last of the last days.)

Will we one day have white robes? (Everyone who trusts Jesus will be made sparkling clean; all of sin’s stains will be removed. Only those who trust in Jesus will be blessed this way.)

PRAY:

Pray that God would save each member of your family by His Spirit with the gospel.



THURSDAY

THE STORY: REVELATION 7:15-17

Our suffering ends in heaven. Imagine for a moment that we will not hunger; Jesus will be our eternal bread. We will not thirst; Jesus will be our living water. We will not tire; we will have lasting strength. We will not experience sorrow; in Christ we will have everlasting, indescribable joy. Every tear will be wiped from our eyes!

TALK ABOUT IT:

Who will be at the center of heaven? (Jesus will be at the center.)

What do you look forward to most when you think of heaven? (Parents, draw out your children and answer this question yourselves.)

PRAY:

Thank God for the promise of heaven and thank Him for all the blessings we will receive in heaven.



FRIDAY ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

THE STORY: PSALM 96:9-13

Jesus is the one who is going to come to judge the earth in righteousness and truth. In Revelation 19:11 we get a picture of the Lord coming down to judge the earth. In Revelation 7:9,10 we get a picture of the final rejoicing the Psalmist points toward. The whole earth will sing on the day of God's judgment, for in that day He will put an end to the curse.

TALK ABOUT IT:

When will Jesus come to judge the nations? (Jesus will one day return to earth, but no one knows when. That is why Paul warned that we should be ready at all times because he said the day of the Lord would come like a thief in the night, when we least expect Him (see 1 Thessalonians 5:2).

What can we do to be prepared for when Jesus returns? (We need to place faith in Him and live for Christ. We really only have two things to do. John said it well: “We need to believe in the name of His Son Jesus and to love one another as he commanded us” [1 John 3:23].)

PRAY:

Pray that God would extend grace to every member of your family to believe and place their trust in Him, as well as love one another.