

## 28. The New Song Of Praise

We are going to continue to think about this wonderful key that God has given us, to drive the devil out and to create a throne for God in our hearts and in our homes. That is the key of praising God.

In the book of Revelation, which is the last book of the Bible, we have more glimpses of heaven given to us than in any other book in the whole Bible. Now it is very sad that many believers don't read the book of Revelation. The devil doesn't like you to read it because it is the book, in which you read about the devil's final destiny of being cast into the lake of fire. The devil certainly does not want you to read about his defeat and his being cast out. But I would encourage you, if you have never done it so far, to really seriously read and meditate on the book of Revelation.

In that book we have many sevens. It speaks about seven lamps, seven thunders, seven trumpets and many sevens like that. One of those seven's which is not mentioned as seven, but which is hidden throughout the whole book are the seven glimpses of heaven. If you have the patience to meditate on these seven glimpses of heaven, you will see that, in every one of these places, they are praising God. I just want to show you those passages very briefly.

First of all, in Revelation 4:8-11, the last four verses of Revelation 4, you find that they are praising God and singing, 'Thou are Worthy' and they cast their crowns before Him. Secondly, again in Chapter 5:8-14, you find the elders and the living creatures and the angels - millions and millions of angels singing with a loud voice. Notice that they don't say it softly. Verse 12 says, "With a loud voice they praise God and praise the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God."

## 28. 赞美的新歌

我们现在要继续思考上帝给我们的这把绝妙的钥匙，它可以将魔鬼赶走，尔后在我们的心里，在我们的家里，为上帝造宝座。这把钥匙就是，赞美上帝。

《圣经》的最后一本书，启示录，对于天堂的描绘超过了整本《圣经》其它任何一本书。可悲的是，现在很多的信徒压根不读启示录。魔鬼不愿意让你读这本书，因为就是这本书描述了魔鬼被抛入火湖的最后下场。魔鬼当然不喜欢人读到它彻底的失败和被清除。然而我想要鼓励你，假如你还从没有读过，那么你一定要仔细认真的读和默想这本启示录。

这本书里有很多个“七”。它提到了七灯、七雷、七号，等等。还有一个隐藏的“七”，就是对天堂的七瞥。假如你对这七次天堂的描述耐心去默想，就会发现，每一次，他们都正在赞美神。我帮你们快速的浏览一遍。

首先，启示录 4 章 8 到 11 节，我们看到他们在唱歌赞美神，“你是配得的”，并且他们将冠冕放在祂的宝座前。第二处，5 章 8 到 14 节，长老们、四活物和千千万万的天使们在大声唱歌赞美。请注意他们不是在轻柔的发声，12 节说，他们大声的赞美神和神的羔羊，主耶稣基督。第三处，7 章 9 到 12 节讲到许许多多重生得救的人，被主耶稣基督的宝血洗净后站在那里，大声对宝座上的神喊着说，我们的救恩归于神，尔后众天使都加入其中，他们在宝座前俯伏于地

Thirdly, we see another example in chapter 7: 9-12. This is the great multitude of people who have been born again, cleansed in the blood of Jesus Christ, who are standing and then again, it says in verse 10, they cry out with a loud voice to Him who sits on the throne, saying, our salvation is due to God and all the angels also join in that, and they fall down before the throne and worship God, saying, Amen, Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power be to God. And then the fourth sight of heaven, we find in chapter 11:15-18. There we find loud voices in heaven again saying, the kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and we give thanks Oh Lord because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. Then we see a fifth picture in chapter 14: 1-4 where we see 144,000 standing with the Lamb on mount Zion and also singing this new song. The sixth glimpse of heaven is chapter 15:1-4 where we see a sea of glass, and those who overcome standing there and with the harps of God. They were singing the Song of Moses and of the Lamb, saying, great and marvellous are Your works, Oh Lord. Then the last glimpse of heaven is in chapter 19:1-6 where there is a loud voice again of a great multitude singing, Hallelujah, Salvation and Glory and Power belong to our God, and Babylon has been judged. And the second time, they said, Hallelujah, give praise to our God. In verse 6 we read, 'This voice of the great multitude was like the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty peels of thunder.'

Have you got a little picture of heaven now? What does this heaven and the praise sound like - like thunder? There is not a single angel there, sitting depressed and gloomy or complaining about something, or scared, wondering, what is going to happen to the world next. No, nobody is scared; they are praising God with all of their heart, because

敬拜神，说，“阿们！颂赞、荣耀、智慧、感谢、尊贵、权柄、大力都归与我们的神，直到永永远远。”第四处，在 11 章 15 到 18 节，我们又看到天上有大声说：世上的国成了我主和主基督的国。我们感谢你，因你执掌大权作王了。第五处，是在 14 章 1 到 4 节，我们看到有十四万四千人同羔羊一起站在锡安山，在唱这首新歌。第六处在 15 章 1 到 4 节我们看到了玻璃海和那些得胜了的人，拿着神的琴。他们在唱神仆人摩西和羔羊的歌：全能者啊，你的作为大哉，奇哉！启示录里对天堂的最后一瞥是在 19 章 1 到 6 节，众人在天上大声唱，哈利路亚！救恩、荣耀、权能都属乎我们的神，巴比伦得到了审判。尔后又一次他们说，哈利路亚！荣耀归于神。第 6 节说到，群众的声音，如同众水的声音，大雷的声音。

现在你对天堂有一些画面了吗？那里颂赞的声音如何？如同雷声！天堂里没有任何一个天使坐在那闷闷不乐，沮丧的抱怨什么，抑或是恐惧、疑惑，担忧未来。没有，一个都没有。他们都在用心的赞美着宝座上的神，颂赞祂的主权、祂的圣洁和祂的公义审判。天堂里没有一张脸是拉长的，那里没有抑郁的天使。只能在地狱见到他们。你应当知道，你越多的拉长

they know that God is on the throne. They praise God for His sovereignty, His holiness, His judgment. There is not a single long-faced, gloomy angel anywhere in heaven. You will only find them in hell, not heaven. And the more you are long-faced and gloomy, the more you bring the spirit of hell into your lives. And the more you are cheerful and happy, acknowledging that God is on the throne, in your heart, in your home, in your Church, and in heaven, the more you bring the spirit of Heaven into your life.

So we see here again and again, in these glimpses of heaven, that people shout Hallelujah and Amen. It is meaningful praise, because they say Hallelujah, because God has done this, or because God is sovereign. They worship the God in the beauty of holiness. Now the Holy Spirit has come from heaven into our hearts, to produce within our hearts, the atmosphere of heaven. He has come into our homes to produce the atmosphere of heaven in our homes. He comes to our Churches to produce the atmosphere of Heaven in our Churches. What should it be? It should be an atmosphere of praise.

Now you may say, well, when I get to heaven, I will start praising the Lord. Well, why has the Holy Spirit come then? He has come to prepare us for heaven. He has come to teach us the language of heaven before we reach there. Now, for example, if you have decided that you are going to migrate to, say, France and live in France for the rest of your life, what would you do before you go to France? One thing you would certainly do is learn French, the language of France. You won't wait till you go there. You will like to learn it before you go there. And you know what the language of heaven is? It is the language of praise. It is good for us to learn it now, before we go to heaven.

It is a language in which there is no grumbling, no

脸、忧郁不堪，就是在越多的将地狱的灵带进你的生活。你越多的欢喜快乐，承认神在你心灵的宝座上，就是越多在将天堂的灵带进生活。

因此在这些对天堂的瞥见里，我们一次次看到人们在那里欢呼哈利路亚和阿门。这些赞美都是充满真心实意的，因为神成就了，因为神掌权了。他们在圣洁的美好里敬拜上帝。如今圣灵已从天上而来，进入了我们的心里，在里面带给我们天国的氛围。祂让我们的家产生天国的氛围。祂让我们的教会产生天国的氛围。那氛围是怎样的？那就是颂赞的氛围。

现在可能你想说，那等我到了天堂，就会开始颂赞神了。可是，如果是这样，圣灵何必来世上呢？祂来就是为了让我们在去天堂之前，学会那里的语言。即使在世上，比如你想移民去法国，并且余生都在那里度过，你出发前会做什么？你铁定会做的事之一，就是学习法语，学习那个国家的语言。你不会完全等着到了那再学，因为你会很想要学习那里的语言。你知道天堂的语言是什么吗？那就是赞美神。我们最好在出发之前就学习这门语言。

这是一种不嘟囔、不抱怨、不发牢骚的语言，无论原

complaining, no murmuring concerning anything. It is a language of continuous praise. Let's learn that language now, before we go. We are told in Revelation 14, one of the passages that we looked at, that there were 144,000 people who sang a new song before the throne. "And no one else could learn that song except these people, and they learnt it while they were on Earth" (Rev. 14:3). Now what is this new song that these 144,000 people were singing? We already saw in Revelation 4 and 5 that the new song is the song of praise and it is a song to God and to the Lord Jesus Christ. What is the old song then, if this is the new song?

Well, the old song is the song that everybody sings on earth. The song of grumbling, complaining against people and circumstances; 1st verse, 2nd verse, 3rd verse; all verses of the old song is the same; somebody or the other has done something and something or the other has gone wrong. Every day they are singing that same song, verse after verse after verse. This has only got one thing; everything is going the bad way and this person is bad and the other person is bad and this person is evil and somebody else has treated me badly and somebody else has cheated me and the circumstances are so bad and it is a time of financial difficulty; it is the same old thing in every single verse.

It is the old song, but in the midst of such a world, where everybody is singing that old song, do you know that God wants from you, if you have given your life for Christ? God wants you to learn this new song and that is the song of praising Him. Don't wait till you get to heaven. Learn the language now where you say, 'Lord, I know You are on the throne,' and if you are willing, as we saw in one of earlier study, to die with Jesus.

因为何。这是一种对神持续赞美的语言。请让我们现在就学习这门语言，在我们出发去天堂之前。启示录 14 章告诉我们，有十四万四千人在神的宝座前唱新歌。“除了从地上学会这歌的，再没有人能学这歌。”（启示录 14 章 3 节）这十四万四千人唱的新歌到底是什么？第 4、第 5 节我们能看出这歌是颂赞神和主耶稣基督的。那么，假如这是新歌，那老歌又是什么？

那老歌就是我们在地上大家都唱的抱怨牢骚之歌。这首歌抱怨他人、抱怨环境，一句、两句、三句，这老歌的每句都是一样的，要么某个人，要么某件事，反正总有事情不顺心。他们每天一句一句又一句，唱着同样的事情——又有什么事情不对劲了，不是这个人太坏，就是那个人太邪恶了，要么就是这个人对我不好，那个人骗我，环境真糟糕，或者钱不够花了。反正这首老歌的每句歌词都是在唱这个。

这就是启示录里说的老歌，可是当地上的芸芸众生都在唱这首老歌的时候，你知道假如你已将生命交托给基督，那么上帝想从你这要的是什么呢？上帝想要你学会这首赞美的新歌。不要等到想去天堂时现学。现在就学着说，“主啊，我知道你在宝座上。”尔后若你愿意，像我们前面学习过的，请与主耶稣同死，不再为自己而活。

We complain because we don't have our own ways. Everything doesn't work out according to our plans, but they are working out according to God' plan. God is on the throne and you are not, that is good. If we were on the throne, we would mess up everything in our lives. Since God is on the throne, He makes everything for good. So when people praise God, in Heaven, they are praising God because they believe in His sovereignty. And if we believe in the sovereignty of God, that, God Almighty is ruling this universe, we would also give thanks in everything.

I am going to show you three passages in scriptures, from the New Testament, about what we are to give thanks for. Now this is not found in the Old Testament because they did not have the Holy Spirit. You see in the Old Testament, they came together may be on Saturdays in the Temple to praise God, and then they go back home for six days of grumbling and complaining and then come back again on next Saturday morning to praise God in the Temple. Now, that is how many Christians live today. They come on Sunday morning to the church meeting and to praise and thank God, and go back home to six days of grumbling and complaining and then come back again the next Sunday morning to praise God. That is an Old Testament life. Well, it is better than nothing, but it is hypocritical. It is saying something which is not true in the rest of our life.

But, in the New Testament, we are told to give thanks always, not just sometimes. First of all, let me show you, 1 Thessalonians 5:18, where it says, "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." So tell me, after reading that verse, how many things should you thank God for? - Everything. How can you give thanks for everything when some of those things don't appear to be very good for you? Because you believe in

我们之所以会抱怨，是因为事情的发展没有顺着我们的意思，不是每件事都按我们的计划进行，但要知道，事情都会按照神的意思进行。真正在宝座上的是上帝，而不是你（幸亏是这样）。假如你在宝座上，我们的生活都会是一团糟。而因为上帝在宝座上，祂可以使一切变好。因此，天堂里对神的赞美，是因为他们相信祂的神权。假如我们也同样相信祂的神权，也就是相信宇宙的主权在祂手里，那么我们也应该在所有事上都对祂感激。

下面我要指给你看《圣经》新约里的三处经文，讲到我们为什么要感激神。这些内容在旧约《圣经》里你是看不到的，因为那时的人没有圣灵在里面。旧约时代，你能看到人们周六到殿堂里赞美上帝，尔后回家在其余六天里牢骚抱怨，再在下一个周六到殿堂赞美神。今天的很多基督徒也是如此。他们周日早上在教会聚会时感谢赞美神，尔后回家抱怨六天，再在下一个周日早上去教会赞美神。这是旧约时代的生活模式。这种生活确实比不信神要好一点，然而却是虚伪而自欺欺人的。因为他们嘴里说出来的并不是生命的真实状况。

然而在新约时代，《圣经》告诉我们要凡事谢恩，不是选择性的。首先请看帖撒罗尼迦前书 5 章 18 节，这里说，“凡事谢恩，因为这是神在基督耶稣里向你们所定的旨意。”那么告诉我，你看到这句经文后觉得有几件事该向神感恩？答案就是所有的事。可那些对我们不利的事情叫我们如何感恩呢？如果你相信罗马书 8 章 28 节所说的，即使邪恶的事，神也能利用它，使其对你有益处。罗马书的 8 章 28 节就像是个滤网。你们都见过净水器的滤网，在出口处水已经清

Romans 8:28 that, even though that is evil, God makes it work for your good. Romans 8:28 is like a filter. Now, some of you may have seen 'Aqua Guard Filter' which filters the water that comes through the pipeline and, at the end of that system, you get a clean glass of water. That is a water filter with ultra violet rays and candle that removes germs and bacteria. You can put any amount of dirty water through that and what you get through at the end, is clean water. Romans 8:28 is like that clean water - everything works for good. That is why we give thanks in everything. The second verse in Ephesians 5 where it says, verse is Ephesians 5:20 where it says, "Give thanks for everything, always, for all things" (Eph. 5:20). That means all the time and for every single thing, we should give thanks. And the last verse is in 1 Timothy 2:1 where it says that we are to give thanks for all men. Can you understand it now? - In every situation, for everything, at all times, and for all men.

Now when you learn to do that, you learn the new song and you can learn it only on earth. Why? Because in heaven you don't have difficult situations, you don't have difficult people, you don't face problems, you don't face trials. So, it is only here on earth that we can learn this wonderful new song - to learn to praise God in every type of situation, with every type of person. Say, 'Lord you are on the throne. Things may be difficult for me, maybe hard even, but you are on the throne.' Let me encourage you, dear friend, to learn this song of praise, now.

澈的了。那是因为过滤器里面有紫外线杀菌等等的。你把脏水加进去，出来的是清水。罗马书的 8 章 28 节就像是过滤器一样，每一件事都成为有益处的。也正因如此，我们应该为万事向神感恩。第二处是在以弗所书 5 章 20 节说，“凡事要奉我们主耶稣基督的名常常感谢父神。”这里说，要在所有的时间，在所有的事上感谢神。还有提摩太前书 2 章 1 节说到，我们要为万人感恩。现在你明白了吗？为了所有的境况、所有的事情、在任何的时间为任何的人，我们都要感谢神。

当你学着如此的时候，就是在学习这“新歌”，而这歌只有在地上才能学。知道为什么吗？因为天堂里没有困境，没有难以相处的人，你将不再面对困难，不再面对试炼。因此只有当你在地上时，才有机会学习这绝妙的新歌——学习如何在面对何样境况、何样人时，都去赞美神。说出“主啊，你在宝座之上。或许有些事情对我而言很艰难，可你在宝座上。”我想要鼓励你，我亲爱的朋友，现在就开始学这首赞美之歌。