



Mustard Seed Sunday School Lesson Summary for April 29, 2007
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“Christ Is Our Protection”

DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 121.

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Revelation 7.

PRINTED TEXT: Revelation 7:1-3, 9, 13-17.

READ: Revelation 5:1-14.

TIME: about A.D. 96

PLACE: from Patmos

LESSON: Revelation 7:1-3, 9, 13-17

GOLDEN TEXT-"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14).

REV. 7:1 And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

2 And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

3 Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

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9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.

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13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are *arrayed* in white robes? and whence came they?

14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

TEACHER'S NOTES ON THE LESSON

We move along in the book of Revelation this week. John had been looking into heaven, but now the scene shifts temporarily to earth and something that will take place there.

The Lord continued to use imagery to show John things that would actually take place in the future. John was told to then write down what he had seen. He would create for his readers what could be called pictures in words.

John saw one group of people being especially marked as God's own. He was not told what their service would be, but that they would be protected and enabled in order to carry it out seems obvious. "The Lord knoweth them that are his" (2 Tim. 2:19).

Then John saw a multitude of redeemed ones standing before God's throne and the Lamb, shouting words of praise. These people John was told, had been preserved through "great tribulation" (Rev. 7:14) and were now safe with God and the Lamb, whom they served day and night.

Let us take comfort that in times of world distress or personal distress, the Father knows His own. He is aware of our faith, and He will eventually take us safely home.

THE OBJECT IN VIEW:

Teach that God knows His children, watches over them in times of trouble, and has good in mind for them.

TRUTHS TO STRESS:

1. Jesus does not forget who belongs to Him.
2. He will help and protect us in times of trouble.
3. He has good plans for us in heaven, where all our troubles will be gone.

PLANNING VISUAL AIDS

For Beginning the Lesson, find a picture of Jesus carrying a sheep. Bring your Bible.

For Telling the Lesson, bring an ink pad and stamp. With white chalk, draw many stick figures on a sheet of dark blue art paper. You will also need a hand-drawn cross.

For Helping to Remember, provide a sheet of dark green art paper and colored chalk for each student.

BEGINNING THE LESSON

Have you ever seen a picture like this? (Show Jesus and sheep.) Jesus never took care of sheep, but the person who made this picture wanted to show that Jesus cares for people who need help the way a good shepherd takes care of his sheep.

There are things God wants us to know, and He has put some word pictures here in the last book of the Bible to show us what they are. (Indicate Revelation in your Bible.)

TELLING THE LESSON

Jesus was giving His friend John a look into heaven. First, John saw God's throne. He saw Jesus, who looked like a lamb. He saw angels and people.

Then he saw some things that are going to happen here on earth. He heard that there is going to be a lot of trouble in the world someday.

John saw an angel with something like this in his hand. (Demonstrate use of stamp.) The angel said, "Do not let anything bad happen until we have put a stamp mark on God's special people."

You see, no matter how much trouble came, God's special people belonged to Him. He knew where they were. What happened to them was only what He let happen. He would take care of them until their work was done and they went to heaven.

So John wrote down what he saw. He made a kind of word picture of the things he had seen.

What might John's word picture be telling us? It says people who believe in Jesus are special to God. It says what happens to them will be only what God lets happen. It says God will take care of His people until their work is done and they go to heaven. John's word picture shows us all that.

Then John saw something else. Too many people to count were standing in front of God's throne and the Lamb. (Show stick figures.) They all wore white robes. They came from different places all over the world. They talked in different languages. But together they all praised God and the Lamb in a loud voice.

Somebody told John, "These are people who have had great troubles on earth. They are people who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Again, John wrote down what he saw and we have his word picture in the Bible. What does this word picture show us?

These were people who believed Jesus had given His blood on the cross so that God could forgive them. (Show cross.) Their white robes show that they had been washed clean from their sins by believing in Jesus.

They had much trouble when they were living on earth, but God took care of them in that trouble. He brought them safely to heaven to live with Him, and there they were. That is what this word picture says.

TELLING THE LESSON

If you belong to Jesus, you are special to God. What happens to you will be only what He lets happen. He will take care of you in your troubles. Then, when you are finished living here on the earth, He will take you safely to heaven to live with Him.

If you are not sure you belong to Jesus, talk to me after Sunday school. We will look at what the Bible says to do.

HELPING TO REMEMBER

Distribute the paper and chalk. Ask the children to draw a picture showing how Jesus might take care of them in a time of trouble. Then let each tell what his picture shows.

EXPLAINING THE GOLDEN TEXT

"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Revelation 7:14).

Do not get bogged down on this verse. There is a word picture here, just as there is in much of the book of Revelation. The point is that God is saying the people talked about here have had much trouble, but they are His people. They have believed Jesus gave His life for them just as we have. So He has washed away their sins too, and we will see these people in heaven.

MUSTARD SEED LESSON ACTIVITIES:

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

1. "After these things, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four (**CLOUDS, WINDS**) of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree." **REVELATION 7:1**

TRUE OR FALSE:

2. "Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God..." **REVELATION 7:2 TRUE OR FALSE**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

3. "...And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to (**HELP, HARM**) the earth and the sea." **REVELATION 7:2**

TRUE OR FALSE:

4. "Saying, 'Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.'" **REVELATION 7:3 TRUE OR FALSE**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

5. "And I heard the (**VOICE, NUMBER**) of those who were sealed..." **REVELATION 7:4**

TRUE OR FALSE:

6. "...One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed." **REVELATION 7:4 TRUE OR FALSE**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

7. "After these things I looked, and behold, a great (**MULTITUDE, OCEAN**) 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." **REVELATION 7:9**

TRUE OR FALSE:

8. "...and crying out with a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' " **REVELATION 7:10 TRUE OR FALSE**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORDS:

9. "And all the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and (**WORRIED, WORSHIPED**) God." **REVELATION 7:11**

10. "Then one of the elders answered and said to me, 'Who are these arrayed in white (**HATS, ROBES**), and where did they come from?' " **REVELATION 7:13**

TRUE OR FALSE:

11. "And I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' So he said to me, 'These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.' " **REVELATION 7:14 TRUE OR FALSE**

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD:

12. "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and (**SEE, SERVE**) Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them." **REVELATION 7:15**

**CHRIST IS OUT PROTECTION CROSS WORD PUZZLE
(REVELATION 7:9-17)**

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**ANGELS, LAMB, ROBES,
TRIBULATION, BLOOD, TEAR, WHITE,
ELDERS NATIONS, TEMPLE, WIPE,
FOUNTAINS, PALM, BRANCHES, THRONE, WORSHIPED,
GOD, PEOPLES, TONGUES**

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