



God Offers Unrelenting Hope Through the Eternal Gospel

A Study of Revelation 14

In the midst of anti-Christ activity, God offers unrelenting hope through the eternal gospel and through certain judgment.

1. FIRST FRUITS FOR GOD AND FOR THE LAMB

- a. John's Focus is Mt. Zion and the Lamb
- b. Accompanied by 144,000
 - (1.) Identified (v. 1)
 - (2.) Involved in Worship (vv. 2-3)
 - (3.) Intentional Devotion (v. 4a)
 - (4.) Invested and Holding Integrity (vv. 4b-5)

2. THREE WORLDWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Proclamation of the Gospel (vv. 6-7)
 - (1.) Eternal good news proclaimed
 - (2.) Encouragement to believe
 - (3.) Reason to believe
 - (4.) Evidence of belief

- b. Declaration of Babylon's Fall (v. 8)
- c. Warning to Those Who Worship the Beast (vv. 9-11)

3. CALL FOR ENDURANCE OF THE SAINTS

- a. Identified (v. 12)
- b. Result of Endurance (v. 13)

4. HARVEST OF THE EARTH

- a. Son of Man Commissioned to "Put in the Sickle" (vv. 14-16)
- b. Another Angel Commissioned to Gather the Ripe Grapes (vv. 17-19)
- c. Blood Flowing from the Winepress (v. 20)

The apostle John had long known the Lord Jesus as the Lamb. That was his first view of him, when the Baptist, pointing to Jesus, said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." ... He had beheld him when he was brought "as a lamb to the slaughter".... In his last days the beloved disciple was to see this same Christ, under the same figure of a lamb, as the great revealer of secrets, the expounder of the mind of God, the taker of the sealed book, and the looser of the seals which bound up the mysterious purposes of God towards the children of men. I pray that we may have on this earth a clear and constant sight of the sin-bearing Lamb....

- C. H. Spurgeon in "The Lamb in Glory," July 14, 1889.

