

Revelation Lesson 73
The New Song of the Elders

Revelation 5:9-10 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; 10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Well, I thought we had a good first day of Revival! I am looking forward to what the Lord is going to do tonight! Well, yesterday, we noted what I call the Doctrine of Angelic and Elder Assistance in which we see what really happens when we pray. I think such an understanding is cool, as our hearts and minds grow more spiritually. I don't know about yall but I really enjoy our Spiritual growth here at Danieltown Baptist Church. Well, that being said, tonight we are going to learn a song we will sing one day in Heaven in this 73rd Lesson I've entitled The New Song of the Elders.

And they sung – To know that this refers to the 24 Elders, reer back to the previous verse. Now some folks really want to change the word “sung” to “sing” as in present tense or “sang” as in past tense. These modern “corrector-corrupters” really don't like this word “sung.” Now I as a Southerner, I like the phraseology “sang” you can ask my Mother-In-Law and my wife – don't trust me on an English Test because I ain't no good at taking them thing nohow. But sang is not the word used here. Why? What is the BIG difference between “sang” and “sung” anyhow? Is there a reason for this word being used? Why do the so-called “scholars” change it to “sing” so much?

First of all, what is the Greek wording behind this English word? Alright, when we see “they sung” in our King James Bible, we must understand that the Greek word “ADO” [AH-Dough] (G103) and it means literally “TO SING.”

Now I looked up this wording in my KJV Key Word Study Bible and found it is in the Present tense and Indicative mood. Let's take a look here at what all that means. If a Greek word is in the Indicative mood that means it's a fact. Also that is the only “mood” in which a distinction can be made about the time when an action occurs.

Now, I also noted that this was said to be in the present tense – when I look at the English “sung” I find it is “past tense.” Hmmm. Now that might cause some to get “skeered” that the KJB Translators “goofed” - nope! There's an excellent reason WHY this appears as such, note that the standard definition for Greek Present Tense is: A contemporaneous (existing or occurring in the same period of time as you) action as opposed to action in the past or future and normally refers to continuous action. HOWEVER, IN THE INDICATIVE MOOD IT MAY REPRESENT PUNCTILLIAR ACTION! Note: Why do they have to use such technical words!?! - Punctilliar means: OCCURRING AT A DEFINITE AND PARTICULAR POINT IN TIME. Did you see that!??

Okay – now let's notice, IF John is seeing a mere vision, he could say “sing” for he would STILL be here on the Earth, but in a trance, hence the ACTION would NOT really be taking place. BUT! Since he has ACTUALLY been TRANSPORTED TO THE 3rd HEAVEN -This event is said to be INDICATIVE OR FACTUAL – which in turn means IT REALLY HAPPENED. Now, while IN HEAVEN, John was moved through time. In Heaven Past, Present and Future are TIMES upon the Earth, in Heaven such CAN be experienced without TIME! So, John noted that while HE EXPERIENCED THIS EVENT – TO HIM IT WOULD BE IN THE PAST (He Saw, He Heard these things as stated in his narrative) BUT, to the rest of the occupants then (those to come) and those upon the Earth THIS EVENT WOULD STILL BE IN THE FUTURE!

So, when the KJB Translators looked at ADO (G103) how did they translate it? Well, in the Textus Receptus this word occurs 5 times. In Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 the word appears in both verses as SINGING – so they did know about “Present Tense” and these are speaking about believers –

past, present and future – singing praises to the Lord.

Now here in Revelation 5:9 (which speaks of the Singing Elders – those changing representatives of the Church) and Revelation 14:3 which reads: “And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.” (which speaks of the 144,000 who were, notice: redeemed from the Earth.) the word used in SUNG.

Now, we note that this could NOT be translated SING due to the nature of John's presence in Heaven. Now why didn't they just say SANG – because Sang is called the “simple past tense” of sing. Which means they were singing and then stopped, it happened and it was over. That's not the case here as while it happened, it was experienced by John, thus for the rest of the human Heavenly occupants, it has NOT happened yet, but it will at a definite and particular point in time!

Hence we are reminded of the Present Tense, Indicative Mood of this action. Now since, this really can't be translated as “sing” (present action) or “singing” (continuous action) or as “sang” (past action) the recourse left was “sung” which is said to be a “simple past tense AND past participle of sing.” When I saw that I had to go back to English class and remember what the past participle meant: “a Past Participle shows something that started in the past, but continues until now.” THERE IT IS! There is the CLOSEST IN ENGLISH WE GET TO THE IDEA OF THE PRESENT INDICATIVE MOOD – This song “started” it was HEARD by John by our reckoning in 96AD, but while the song may have finished for John's ears, it hasn't started for ours, thus this idea of this song continues on up until the point when this event - by God's Time-clock – ACTUALLY occurs – so yes – SUNG is the most accurate rendition we have in English and hence this is properly translated from Greek Grammar, Syntax and understanding into our English language – again, why spend so much time and effort to learn a dead language, when we can just go back and re-learn (or learn more) of our own English language, syntax and grammar?

Final note on this, there is one instance in Revelation over in Chapter 15:3 where the translators take this word “ADO” (G103) and actually translate it as “SING” but who's singing there? Read the text: “And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.” Who are these folks? Well note the two songs they sing? The Song of Moses (Exodus 15:1-3; 17-18) was sang by Moses and the Children of Israel after the crossing of the Red Sea circa 1445BC and then these also sing the Song of the Redeemed – hence this is referring to Jews who are saved – Messianic Jews. In this passage, those Messianic Jews have been martyred – around the middle of the Tribulation – for their Christian Faith. But notice, while this event also WILL happen in the future, John experienced it in 96AD – the King James Bible Translators chose to put the word “SING” here. Why? While the Body of Christ will sing the Song of the Redeemed when we are ALL together – Messianic Jews – from all eras and ages – not only will then BUT CURRENTLY now as I type, now as we go through this study – SING and must be SINGING the Song of Moses in Heaven. You say, how do you know this? Look at our next point:

a new song, saying, - See? These knotheds nowadays think they are SO smart!? HA HA HA!!! The King James Bible Translators knew their stuff – better than we do I'd say! God PRESERVED HIS WORD AND WE HAV IT IN OUR HANDS IN TEH KING JAMES BIBLE! So notice, that while the Redeemed in Heaven sing and WILL sing, (we note this in the implied wording, one has this new song to differentiate it from other songs they already know/have) we will ALL sing this NEW Song when we're there at that future point and time. While we noted the Saved Jews in Rev. 15:3 we noted they have sang, are singing and will sing that song of Moses (so they are said to SING).

Now, here in this text we again note that the Redeemed are learning a New Song. Years ago, the

Founding Pastor of Danieltown Baptist Church, Guy Johnson, wrote a booklet called "Singing In Heaven" and in it he says this: "Will you sing in Heaven? All thought the ages the people of God have been known to sing. God pleases a song within our hearts. Through the Bible there are songs of mourning, songs celebrating weddings, songs of thanksgiving, songs of praise. Today the redeemed of God sing with joy in their hearts because of God's experienced salvation. When we arrive on Heaven's shore, God will not seal our lips, but the saints shall sing with more splendor, power and praise to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords than ever before." Pastor Johnson continues to examine this song, piece by piece, which I will bring out in a moment.

The late Oliver B. Greene brought out a good point: "There is no song recorded in all the fifty chapters of [Genesis]. Exodus 15 [the Song of Moses] records earth's first song. In chapter 14 of Exodus, Israel had been delivered, and that deliverance furnished the reason and the material for the song. Why did the Holy [Ghost] refer to the Revelation song (here in Revelation 5:9-10) as a "new song?" The answer? The old song was sung at Creation (Job 38:7) by the angels. The song here in Revelation is termed "a new song" because its theme is redemption. It is sung in Heaven on the eve of coming Millennial joy. All songs of all ages must give way to the song which praises the Lamb, the Redeemer of all creation."

Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: - This is all directed towards Christ, as evidenced in our most recent studies, Christ is THE one Who alone is Worthy to: Take the Book and Open the Seals. But why? Note:

for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God – This speaks to Christ's Redemptive work in Him being the Sacrifice (in that He was slain) and as the Risen Saviour, He purchases sinful man from the bondage and slavery of sin. Herein we observe 4 aspects of the Redemptive Work of Christ. Pastor Guy Johnson denotes them: "First, it is FOR God. (Thou hast redeemed us to God).

by thy blood – Here we see the second aspect. Preacher Guy says: "It is through the shed blood of Christ Jesus." Now I want to pause right here and point something out, that men like John MacArthur and others don't seem to recognize. Here is the word "blood" and then just a few words prior was the word "slain" which is another word denoting "death." Thus Theologians and Bible teachers who erroneously and dangerously espouse that the "blood" of Christ merely refers to His death don't seem to notice this Divine Differentiation placed here in this text. The Blood of Christ is a special and unique blood.

Let's take one moment and recall something here about "blood" from M. R. DeHaan: It is now definitely known that the blood which flows in an unborn babies arteries and veins is not derived from the mother but is produced within the body of the foetus itself only after the introduction of the male sperm. An unfertilized ovum can never develop blood since the female egg does not by itself contain the elements essential for the production of this blood. It is only after the male element has entered the ovum that blood can develop. As a very simple illustration of this, think of the egg of a hen. An unfertilized egg is just an ovum on a much larger scale than the human ovum. You may incubate this unfertilized hens egg but it will never develop. It will decay and become rotten, but no chick will result. Let that egg be fertilized by the introduction of the male sperm and incubation will bring to light the presence of LIFE IN THAT EGG. After a few hours it visibly develops. In a little while red streaks occur in the egg denoting the presence of Blood. This can never occur and does never occur until THE MALE SPERM HAS BEEN UNITED WITH THE FEMALE OVUM. The male element has added life to the egg. Life is in the blood according to scripture, for Moses says: "the life of the flesh is in the blood" (Lev. 17:11).

Since there is no life in the egg until the male sperm unites with it, and the life is in the blood, it follows that the male sperm is the source of the blood, the seed of life. Think it through. For this very reason, it is unnecessary that a single drop of blood be given to the developing embryo in the womb of the mother. Such is the case according to science. The mother provides the foetus (the unborn developing infant) with the nutritive elements for the building of that little body in the secret of her bosom, but all

the blood which forms in that little body is formed in the embryo itself and only as a result of the contribution of the male parent. From the time of conception to the time of birth of the infant not ONE SINGLE DROP OF BLOOD ever passes from mother to child.

The placenta that mass of temporary tissue known better as “afterbirth,” forming the union between mother and child is so constructed that although all the soluble nutritive elements such as proteins, fats, carbohydrates, salts, minerals and even antibodies pass freely from mother to child and the waste products of the child's metabolism are passed back to the mothers circulation, no actual interchange of a single drop of blood ever occurs normally. All the blood which is in that child is produced within the child itself as a result of the introduction of the male sperm. The mother contributes no blood at all.”

Thus, the Virgin Birth, was so that Christ could have a human body and then the Holy Ghost put Blood inside that Body which He made and formed. Hence the Blood of Christ was spotless, sinless, perfect, incorruptible blood. This is the currency God recognizes in payment of our sins!

out of every kindred, - This refers to the various races, the tribes, the lineages of mankind (G5443).

and tongue, - This refers to languages.

and people, - This refers to a “mass of people” seeing the reference in the next point to “nations” it would seem then, that this points to groups of people not living in a nation proper but rather in a society that is not functioning as a proper nation but rather linked by other factors in culture.

and nation; - This refers to nations, as God is the “creator” and establisher of nations, etc. Remember that God is a Nationalist and not a multi-culturalist, He is not a Globalist. But what these 4 divisions show is the 3rd aspect of Christ's redemptive work in Preacher Johnson's book in that “it is for everyone.” AMEN! God doesn't just save Jews or white folk or Baptists! This whole song shows that Christ IS indeed as John the Baptist said: “The Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world!”

And hast made us unto our God – Now look at this, I thought this was pretty good. Notice that HE made us. We aren't “self-made” unto God. Nobody in Heaven can point to themselves and declare “Look at what I did!” All we can do is point to Christ and proclaim LOOK WHAT HE DID!! Amen!

kings and priests: - We have noted previously that Christ makes the believers “kings and priests” back in Revelation 1:6 (Lesson 7).

and we shall reign on the earth. - Here in this final point we note that the “kingly-priests” SHALL reign upon the earth during the millennial kingdom. Note from the wording of “shall” that it is future tense. But from the wording previously “hast made” that the divying out of these positions has already occurred up to that point in the future, again pointing to a Pre-Tribulational Rapture and the Judgment Seat of Christ.

Pastor Johnson concludes his look at the 4-fold redemptive work of Christ by stating that the fourth aspect: “makes a kingdom of redeemed inhabitants and thus through the power of God we are made kings and priests and shall reign on earth.”