

All Things New; Revelation 21:5-8

I. Seated On The Throne

- A. In the Book of Revelation, God leaves most of the talking to His angels and His Son, Jesus
- B. As far as I can determine He speaks once
 - 1. Some would say that He is speaking in chapter 11
 - 2. Revelation 11:1–3; 1 Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, “Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, 2 but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. 3 And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.”
 - 3. But we are not given the name of the person speaking
 - 4. At the end of chapter 10, most scholars attribute that to an angel
 - 5. So, if God only speaks audibly to John once in the entire book, maybe we ought to take a look at it

II. Write This Down

- A. Revelation 21:5; And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”
- B. When I am sitting in the Elder’s meeting and one of them asks me to do something, invariably another will ask, “Did you write that down?”
- C. So this idea of making all things new must be pretty important for God to say this to John Himself and they tell John to write it down
 - 1. The Greek rules of grammar have the emphasis on “new”
 - 2. “Behold, new I am making all things”
- D. Some quick context
 - 1. Revelation 21:1–4; 1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”
 - 2. The Holy City is coming out of heaven, not remaining there
 - 3. A Bride adorned for Her Husband can be only one thing
 - a) The Husband is Jesus
 - b) The bride is the church
 - c) Ephesians 5:25-32
 - d) John 3:28–29; 28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, ‘I am not the Christ, but I have been sent before him.’ 29 The one who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly at the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is now complete.
 - e) God is with man, not man with God; “He will dwell with them”
- E. So what does these “new” “all things” refer to?
 - 1. Colossians 3:8–10; 8 But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that

you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

2. In Revelations, the statement “I am making” is present tense
3. Compare that to the “new self” and “is being renewed” in Colossians

F. Those words are trustworthy and true

G. It is only God who can make us new; change us from our old sinful selves to new creatures washed by the blood of the Lamb

III. To The Thirsty

A. Revelation 21:6–7; 6 And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. 7 The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

B. “Thirsty”

1. There is a difference between being thirsty and drinking
2. Thirsty has the idea of need behind it
3. Arctic Survival School at Eielson AFB, Alaska (lack of food)
4. Air Force training and water buffalos (water always readily available)
5. The water of life is reserved for the thirsty
6. Until we realize that we need Christ we will only be drinking and never be thirsty

C. Conquering

1. The one who is thirst gets to drink from the water of life thereby becoming a conqueror and being made new
2. We are conquering the lifestyle of sin
3. We are conquering the life of selfishness, living for ourselves and not for others
4. When we overcome all obstacles to God, then we have conquered
5. Romans 8:31–39; 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

D. Our heritage

1. To be called sons of God
2. To be adopted by the creator of the universe
3. Romans 8:12–17; 12 So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

- E. We must be thirsty for God so we can conquer the world
- F. For those who don't conquer, there is the second death

IV. The Second death

- A. Revelation 21:8; But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”
- B. “The faithless” will suffer the second death, not physical, but spiritual
 - 1. Revelation 2:11; He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’
 - 2. The destination of those who refuse the Christ and His salvation
 - 3. Revelation 19:20; And the beast was captured, and with it the false prophet who in its presence had done the signs by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped its image. These two were thrown alive into the lake of fire that burns with sulfur.
 - 4. Jude 5–7; 5 Now I want to remind you, although you once fully knew it, that Jesus, who saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. 6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day— 7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities, which likewise indulged in sexual immorality and pursued unnatural desire, serve as an example by undergoing a punishment of eternal fire.
- C. We must be faithful conquerors so we have no place in the second death

V. All Things New

- A. This coming Friday starts a new year (and a new month)
- B. Today starts a new week
- C. In about 45 minutes we start a new hour
- D. We can become new (start a new faithful life) this very same hour
- E. Acts 16:33; And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family.