

The Song Only the 144,000 Could Sing!

Revelation 14:3
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I. Introduction

A. Special Saints

1. “and they sang a new song . . . no one could learn the song except the 144,000” – Revelation 14:3
2. They were men who the author of Hebrews says “men of whom the world was not worthy” – 11:38
3. John says of such men “they overcame him (Satan) because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony and they did not love their life even when faced with death.” – Revelation 12:11
4. Some other (just to mention a few) special saints
 - a. Of course, Hebrew 11
 - b. Enoch: Genesis 5:21-24
 - c. Moses: The third most mentioned name in the Bible (740 times)
 - d. Elijah, who got a chariot ride to heaven! – II Kings 2:1
 - e. The three youths: Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego – Daniel 3

II. What made the 144,000 special in God’s sight?

A. God’s Word tells us

1. They are called bond-servants in Revelation 7:3
 - a. They were “sealed”, i.e., a tattoo placed on the forehead of slaves and soldiers
 - i. Ezekiel 9:4; Revelation 9:4
 - b. Paul self identifies as a “bond-servant” – Romans 1:1
 - c. Paul calls elders “bond-servants” – II Timothy 2:24
 - d. It means they settled the question of ownership. – I Corinthians 6:20
2. In Revelation 12:11 John tells us more about these special saints!
 - a. They were overcomers “because of the blood of the lamb”. THE CROSS! – Galatians 6:14
 - b. They were overcomers “because of the word of their testimony”. Their life, their deeds testified to their words.
 - c. They were overcomers because “they did not love their life even when faced with death”.

3. The last reference to the 144,000 is in Chapter 14
 - a. The Lamb is “standing”. This is a rare position for the Son in heaven.
 - i. Acts 7:55
 - b. The 144,000 have both the name of the Father and Son in their foreheads. – v. 14:1
 - c. They sang 1) a new song and 2) and no one else could learn. Why?
 - i. I think because Satan had been given more freedom than ever before and they still resisted him.
 - Revelation 12:12
 - d. Of these men verse 4 says
 - i. They “have not defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste”. “For they are virgins” – NKJV
 - ii. This speaks of both immorality and idolatry.
 - e. Verse 5 says “they are blameless” (the very finest – WWW)

III. What about us?

A. Remember we have three adversaries – James 4:14

1. The world (earthly)
 - a. Romans 12:1, 2
 2. The flesh (natural)
 - a. I Peter 4:1-6
 3. The devil (demonic)
 - a. I Peter 5:8-11
- ### B. Allow others to do what Hebrews 10:24 says “stimulate one another to love and do good deeds”.
1. Like Jim Elliot who said, “He is no fool who give that which he cannot keep in order to gain that which he cannot lose”.
 2. “86 years I have served Him and He has done me no wrong. How can I blaspheme my King and Savior”. – Polycarp (69-155 A.D)