

**INTRODUCTION**

1. If we know something of the "whole story", we appreciate Rv 11:15. The end of history: eternity is about to begin. Review last 2 sermons: context.
  - i. Four foundational provisions & promises given to Adam
  - ii. Daniel's prophecies; Jesus' teaching - Paul: 1Cor 15:22-26.
2. Rv 11:15-17 Christ's redemptive kingdom - kingdom of God Rv 11:16-17
3. Summit text - look behind us & ahead of us. Now look at the text: Rv11:15.

**1st: The Sound of Celebration**

1. Rev is a loud, noisy book - 7<sup>th</sup> trumpet; *loud voices in heaven*.
  - i. Rv 7:9-12 same scene
  - ii. Rv 19:1-7 redemptive & creation kingdoms hard to differentiate
2. **Lesson:** God's purposes for creation are accomplished thru the redemptive work of the incarnate Son: the true Adamic image of God. God's work in creation informs our understanding of salvation.
3. Rv 11:15 - *saying*, not singing. Do only the redeemed sing? Rv 14:3; 15:2-3
  - i. The exultation of singing w/ many voices!
  - ii. *I will sing*" - 33x in Pss. Our voices join w/ heaven's host - what a choir!

**2nd: The Celebration of Our Savior's Triumph Over Satan**

1. What are they celebrating? The triumph of our Messiah over Satan.
  - i. But isn't Satan *the god of this world* [2C4:4]? Rv 13, Dragon & Beasts
  - ii. Rv 11:15 defeat Satan who tempted Jesus w/ false reign - Lk 4:5-7.
2. Celebrating participation in Christ's victory - Dan 7:27
3. Celebrating the unified reign of Triune God - *HE will reign*. Rv22:3

**3rd: We Celebrate Jesus' Supremacy Now and Forever**

1. When does heaven celebrate? Already & not-yet - *forever and ever*
2. We celebrate b/c Jesus has already triumphed over Satan & is enthroned
  - i. Ps 2 - v2 *His Anointed*; v6 *His King*; *holy mountain*; v7-8 Son w/ inheritance of universal reign; v10ff warns principalities of wrath
    - a. Paul preached Ps2:7 in A13:33 as fulfilled in Jesus' resurrection.
    - b. Hb 1:5 cites Ps2 - Christ supreme over angels; Hb 5:5 cites Ps 2 w/ Ps 110:4 - resurrected Christ is Priest/King [Melchizedek]

- ii. Ps 110:1-4 Jesus cites [Lk 20:42-43] - divine Son, David's son: King; preached by Peter in Acts 2 fulfilled in Jesus' resurrection/enthronement
- iii. Mat 28:18-20 Resurrected Jesus: supreme universal authority
- iv. Rv 5:12-14 heavenly praise at Christ's coronation
  - a. Redemptive kingdom on earth - Rv 5:9-10. Royal priestly sons.
  - b. We celebrate as temple - worship in heaven: Eph 1:19b-23
3. Rv 11:15 is a continuation of Rv 5's celebration: already!
  - i. *kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord* - already
  - ii. *He will reign forever & ever* - not yet eternity.

**Applic #1: When Christ's Redemptive Kingdom Ends, He Continues to Reign**

1. 1C 15 - we read v22-26, now v27-28
  - i. v27 cites Ps 8 - Adam as type of resurrected Christ in glorified cosmos
  - ii. Thru Christ, creation & redemption unified: *so that God may be all in all*
2. Fallen creation is sustained by enthroned Christ [Hb 1:3] in unity w/ Father. In the consummation, united to Bride who is perfectly conformed to Christ, Jesus will continue to reign in union w/ Father - and we w/ Him!
3. Our Savior has already entered Sabbath glory & we in Him as we follow Him

**Appl #2: When We Worship, We Demonstrate & Experience Our Redemption**

1. We join w/ heavenly voices in praise. Means of grace - covenantal communion - as Jesus promised in Upper Room [Jn13-17].
2. In worship, we declare & demonstrate that "Jesus is Lord". We experience our salvation as we worship our Savior.

**Appl #3: When We Worship, We Are Overcoming Conquerors in Christ**

1. Jesus shows us the heavenly worship in which we engage, to invigorate us in the battle & to overcome. Worship is essential to the battle strategy of witnessing [overcoming].
2. Whatever or whoever would remove you from Lord's Day NCov worship is not your friend but your enemy: love them w/ gospel love as a *son of God Most High* [Lk 6:35].
3. Worship. Witness. Overcome.