

GOD WILL REACH OUT TO YOU

Revelation 7:1-8

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In releasing His judgement, God will reach out with mercy in 5 ways:

1. **GOD ACCUSES HIS SON** (Rev. 4 & 5)

...God allows JESUS to be accused of your SIN.

2. **GOD INVOKES SILENCE** (Rev. 6:1-8)

God withdraws His SPIRIT so that you see EVIL for what it is.

3. **GOD DEALS WITH SIN**. (Rev. 6:9-17)

...God extracts SIN from creation to give people the opportunity to cry out for MERCY.

4. **GOD APPLIES HIS SPIRIT**.

"After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.'" Rev. 7:1-3

...God applies His SPIRIT to those that He SEALS forever as the recipients of His MERCY.

5. **GOD SENDS HIS SERVANTS**.

"And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

- "Judah" = PRAISE of God
- "Reuben" = Behold, a SON
- "Gad" = A COMPANY
- "Asher" = BLESSED
- "Naphtali" = WRESTLE
- "Manasseh" = FORGETTING
- "Simeon" = to HEAR and OBEY
- "Levi" = JOINING to
- "Issachar" = the SERVANT
- "Zebulon" = a HOME
- "Joseph" = ADDED to
- "Benjamin" = SON of the Father's RIGHT HAND

Put their names together and you have a message from God:

...These 144,000 are praisers of God (JUDAH) because they have beheld the son (REUBEN) and now form a company (GAD) of blessed ones (ASHER) who wrestle (NAPHTALI) with the forgetting (MANASSEH) of their people to hear and obey (SIMEON) and joining to (LEVI) the servant, who is Jesus, (ISSACHAR) and awaiting a home (ZEBULON), they are added (JOSEPH) as sons of the Father's right hand (BENJAMIN).

...God will go to extraordinary means to reach out to YOU with His MERCY.