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Ultimate Security Revelation 7:1-17

Series: The Return of the King – The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Central Passage

Revelation 7:13–17 (ESV) — **13** Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" **14** I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. **15** "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. **16** They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. **17** For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Central Question: Who can stand before the just wrath and judgment of God; who is ultimately secure?

Revelation 6:16–17 (ESV) — **16** ... hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, **17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?"**

Central Thought: Though we may go through many "dangers, toils and snares" in this life, we are ultimately secure and eternally safe as we actively respond in faith to God's salvation offered through the sacrifice of Jesus.

Ultimate Realities

❖ God's judgment is real and imminent! (vs. 1)

John 3:16–18 (ESV) — **16** "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. **17** For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. **18** Whoever believes in him is not condemned, **but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.**

○ This should be our ultimate concern!

❖ God's salvation is sure and universally available! (vs.2-12; 15-17)

2 Peter 3:8–9 (ESV) — **8** But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. **9** The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**

○ This should be our ultimate comfort!

❖ We must actively appropriate God's grace! (vs. 13-14)

Exodus 12:21–23 (ESV) — **21** Then Moses called all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go and select lambs for yourselves according to your clans, and kill the Passover lamb. **22** Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. None of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. **23** For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians, **and when he sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and will not allow the destroyer to enter your houses to strike you.**

○ This should be our ultimate conviction!