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## **Episode 110 - The 144,000 and the New Song: Truth Redeemed**

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In this episode, Scott Stanley explores Revelation 14, focusing on the image of the 144,000 and the harpers harping with their harps. He argues the 144,000 represent redeemed truth drawn from Scripture, while the harpers are people who embody that redeemed truth and sing a new song before God.

Stanley connects these images to Genesis 15, interpreting the smoking furnace and burning lamp as the Son, the Father, and the Mother crossing over the wall of iniquity at the cross. He shows how this union changes our understanding (water), our record (blood), and produces the Holy Spirit (the mother) that brings compassion and empathy.

The episode emphasizes the balance of motherly compassion and fatherly law: the Holy Spirit gives us deep empathy while the Father's knowledge and commandments prevent acquitting the guilty. Practical examples and Gospel passages are used to illustrate how seeing others through the mother's eyes quickens our hearts and helps us live in harmony with Christ.

Overall, the talk presents a theological framework for becoming 'harpers'—people transformed by redeemed truth who respond to the world with compassion, discernment, and a new song of praise.

Modified Transcript:

Scriptures are transcribed directly with notations. Refer to the KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi, I'm Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries, continuing to explore the deep things of God, really basing everything on the book of Revelation. In Revelation chapter 14, we see the 144,000, but we also see harpers harping with their harps. I want to start in Revelation 14, verse 1, to key on these harpers.

Rev 14:1 I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on mount Sion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

So many times, people look at the 144,000 as being people, but it isn't people. It's truth. I know that because in Revelation 7, where the 144,000 are formed, there is a messenger ascending from the east. He has the seal of God, and he seals the 144,000. I just want to tell you that an angel... angels do not seal people. God seals the people in his church. Angels can confirm truth, and the 144,000 are simply all of the iniquity we've accumulated through our lives from every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, redeemed. It's the truth redeemed... and it plays off the table of shewbread.

So I've got a podcast on that (Episode 10-Bible-Shewbread-144,000). This podcast is not for that. But I've got to make that distinction as we read this. Revelation 14:2,

Rev 14:2 I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of great thunder, and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps.

Rev 14:3 These harpers sung a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and elders...

It's my prayer that by the time we get to the end of this podcast, you're able to sing a new song, too.

Rev 14:3 ... No one could learn that song, but the redeemed truth....

Notice, it's redeemed from the earth, the 144,000. The earth... the heavens, earth and sea: three levels of understanding. The heavens is God's understanding. The earth is yours. The sea is the world. These are redeemed from the earth. This is you finally seeing the truth, where God does not take anything away; he just helps you understand the meaning of it. Verse 4,

Rev 14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were redeemed from among humanity or men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

Verse 4 is about the harpers harping with their harps. Verse 3 is about the 144,000. Notice the difference. Verse 3, the 144,000 are redeemed from the earth. Verse 4, the harpers are redeemed from humanity. That's because they are people.

Rev 14:5 In their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Now, why then, when the 144,000 are formed, why do they come out from every tribe of the children of Israel? Because it's talking about the scripture, and it was Israel who wrote it. So from every tribe, what we have been taught concerning the Bible needs to be redeemed. The redeemed truth, redeemed from the earth. That redeemed truth is the 144,000. But why then does he say "harpers harping with their harps"? To address that... and this really is what this podcast is about. It literally is life-changing, what I'm going to share with you. It's almost, well, to me, this has to be one of the deep, deeper mysteries of God concerning salvation.

What I want you to do is turn to Philippians, chapter 2, verse 1.

Php 2:1 If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if there's any comfort of love, if there's any fellowship of the Spirit, if there are any bowels of mercy...

Now, what is he talking about, bowels of mercy?

Isa 16:11 Wherefore my bowels shall sound like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kirharesh.

Also, 1 John 3:17.

1Jn 3:17 Whoso has this world's good, and sees his brother have need, and shuts up his bowels of compassion from him, how does the love of God dwell in him?

So if I put these things together, I see the harpers harping with their harps, having an ability to show compassion because the harp is a symbol of that very thing, bowels of compassion. If you're not able to show compassion, then how does the love of God dwell in you if you can't show that compassion?

Revelation 14 concerns the people who know and possess the love of God, and no one can learn that. Nothing can learn that song with the redeemed truth. Ever since I learned this truth about the cross and being able to see people, recognizing they have the guilt and the shame and the anger and so on, as Jesus depicts it on the cross... I've known that should help you have compassion, empathy, and sympathy for everybody on the planet because he was depicting everyone on the planet.

I could just slow down, catch my breath, and try not to get angry, and try to show compassion. But I knew there was something more to it than that. I know in Romans 8, there's a distinction made between the Spirit of Christ and the Spirit of the Father. It's the Spirit of the Father that quickens your mortal flesh to turn you from iniquity so that you don't sin. I mean, I know the verses, but I knew intuitively there's something more to this whole thing than what I was getting out of it.

So, seeking the Lord earnestly, the Lord brought me to the place to show me what I was lacking. There is an understanding of Scripture you have to have to make that a reality, to make the Spirit of God truly move you to quicken your mortal flesh. To show you this, I want you to turn to Genesis 15. Why? Well, there is a verse in Psalms 105, where the statement is made, verse 8,

Psa 105:8 He, God, has remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.

Psa 105:9 Which covenant he made with Abraham, his oath unto Isaac;

Psa 105:10 He confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant:

Psa 105:11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance.

Well, what is this oath? What is this covenant with Abraham? Well, in Genesis 15, Abraham has been promised a son, and he says, let's just start at Genesis 15:8.

Gen 15:8 He said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I'm going to inherit this land, I'm going to inherit this?

Gen 15:9 And he said unto him, Take a heifer three years old, a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, a turtle dove, and a young pigeon.

Now, finally, the day came for me that I realized this heifer, the ram, and the goat, of course, all point to the cross... and the ram, I could show you, is Christ. The she goat, that goat is ourselves. It would be like Azazel, although that is not the word here. The heifer, I look at that heifer as a common sacrifice given for sin. But (and I'm sure it's more than that), right now I've got a heifer, a she-goat, and a ram. And I see Christ dying on the cross and us dying with him- these three sacrifices. Then the turtle dove and young pigeon, that is the dove. And the young pigeon is a bird without feathers. It's a young pigeon, you could say.

Gen 15:10 He took unto him all of these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds, he didn't divide.

Gen 15:11 When the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

I just equated that to the parable of the sower of the seed. When the seed is sown, here come the birds to eat up the seed. Jesus says, *"That's the wicked one,"* and Abraham would not allow that. I'm reading this, I know this happened, but I'm reading it spiritually. I'm trying to see the allegory here. What is God trying to show us? Abraham didn't allow these other thoughts to devour what God did, what God was telling him to do. He would not let his iniquity creep into this.

Gen 15:11 When the fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abraham drove them away.

Gen 15:12 When the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; And lo, a horror of a great darkness fell upon him.

Again, I see the cross when the sun is blotted out. There is a great darkness because Jesus is portraying humanity on that cross, and there is a great darkness that happens. I also know that Abram is also a picture of his people to come, and they were going to enter into a great darkness also. But the first thing I saw there was the cross.

Now, what I want to do is, I know verses 13, 14, 15, and 16 all have huge meaning. But if I deal with all that, I'm never going to get to verse 17. This is what I want you to see.

Gen 15:17 It came to pass, when the sun had gone down (remember the cross), and it was dark, behold, a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp passed between those pieces.

What in the world does he mean by a smoking furnace? Isaiah 31:9.

Isa 31:9 He shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the sign, saith Jehovah, whose fire is in Zion (That word 'fire' is 'Urim.' It's light. His light is in Zion), his furnace is in Jerusalem (or the Holy Spirit).

What I see in Genesis 15 is the smoking furnace. Why smoking? Remember in Revelation 9 where the pit opens up, and great smoke comes out as of a great furnace? Well, I began to realize this smoking furnace is Christ, it's Jerusalem. Smoke always points to fire, and the fire of Christ devours the iniquity, just like a smoking furnace of a great pit. See, the pit opens, here's a great smoking furnace. That is anger. That's Gehenna in the unsanctified. That is anger. That's great passion that you see as the message is given, and out comes the locust from this anger.

Well, this is the sanctified. A smoking furnace passes between these pieces. And smoking furnace is the Son of God, and the truth he brings to us to consume out of us the iniquity. But what about the burning lamp? We know what the burning lamp is.

Pro 6:20 Keep my father's commandment, forsake not the law of your mother. (Verse 23,)

Pro 6:23 The commandment is the lamp. The law is the light, and reproofs of instruction are the way of life.

What do you see in a burning lamp? You see the mother and the father. They pass between these pieces. So right here, with a smoking furnace and a burning lamp, I see the Father, the Mother, his Spirit, and the Son of God, and what they all bring to the table.

But notice, a smoking furnace and a burning lamp were able to pass between those pieces. That word "to pass" means "to cross over." But what about the word "between"? You see, this word "between" is extremely interesting because the number is [996]. Now stop a minute. [995] is a verb, which means "to consider." It's a verb... thinking, you're thinking, you're considering. [998] is a noun. It's "the understanding you come to after considering." But this word is between [995] and [998].

I want to read to you out of the Ancient Hebrew, and I'm risking putting you to sleep. I don't want to put you to sleep, but I want you to understand this word "between." Here you go. Ancient Hebrew, Strong's number [996].

"The pictograph is a picture of a tent and a sprouting seed. It represents continuity as the seed continues the next generation. The combined meaning of these letters means 'the continuing of the house.' The tent was constructed of woven goat hair. Over time, the sun bleaches and weakens the hair, necessitating their continual replacement. Each year, the women would make a new panel, approximately three feet wide and the length of the tent. The old panel is removed, and the new strip is added to the tent. Since the tent is only replaced one small piece of a time, the tent essentially lasts forever."

Now let's go down. That's the actual word. So we're going to take this down now to where you will see "between." This is "M" in the Ancient Hebrew. "It means 'to plan or understand.' The tent was usually divided into two parts, one for females, the other for males." (Remember the father and the mother.) "The wall makes a distinction between the two sides. Understanding as the ability to discern between two or more things." This word, [996] then... between, as the wall is between two sides of the tent.

I want to show you the first place in the Bible where you're going to see this word "between," Genesis 3:15.

Gen 3:15 I will put enmity between (there's your word, [996]). I will put enmity between you and the woman. (Who is he talking to? The author of iniquity.) I'm going to put enmity between... between your seed, and her seed...

Now go back and look at Genesis 15, verse 17 again.

Gen 15:17 It came to pass, when the sun went down, and it was dark (the cross), behold, the Son of God and the Father and Mother crossed over the wall of those pieces.

That word "between" is "a wall." They passed over the wall. This verse, you cannot put a value on this verse. In other words, at the cross, the understanding of the Father and the Mother and the Son were able to pass over, cross over, that iniquity. The eternal Spirit of truth was able to pass over into an infinite mind and begin to fill all things.

I want you to consider with me: Jesus Christ said before he went to the cross, *"If you've seen me, you've seen the Father."* Therefore, when they killed him, they were crucifying the Father. He said, *"Everything I do, everything I'm saying, it's from the Father."* It was God that they hated. They hated God. But wait a minute. God gave Jesus his spirit without measure. So when they crucified the Son of God, they not only crucified the Father, they crucified the Mother. The Father, the Mother, and the Son were all crucified on that cross depicting us.

Did Jesus ever exemplify the Father and the Mother? Where did he do that? Well, we've known all of our Christian lives, *"If you've seen me, you've seen the Father,"* but turn with me to Matthew 23. I want you to see what Jesus says in verse 37.

Mat 23:37 O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you that kill the prophets, you stone them which are sent unto you. How often would I have gathered your children together, as a hen, as a mother gathers her chicks, and ye wouldn't do it.

There's the mother... There is the mother. I'm telling you, as I began to see this, I started rereading the Gospels from the standpoint that Jesus possessed the Spirit, which is what? It is the Spirit of God. It is the mother of us all. If you possess the Holy Spirit, you possess the spirit of a mother. It's a mother. You're looking through the eyes of the Mother. You cannot separate God from his Spirit. But he has chosen the symbol of the father and the mother to help us understand what we're lacking in our lives. Again,

Mat 23:37 ... I would have gathered you as a hen gathers her chicks, her chickens, but you wouldn't do it.

Mat 23:38 Therefore, your house is left until you desolate.

There's the Father. The Father and the Mother will give you perfect balance. Listen, remember Isaiah 54:5, speaking of *New Jerusalem, the mother of us all* (Gal 4:26). *Your husband is your Maker*. God created, produced the spirit. He is married to that spirit, and that spirit is the mother of us all, and she will marry her children. If you possess the Holy Spirit, you have the Father and the Mother... and the Son is what brought that to you. You possess the spirit of a Mother, but you also possess the knowledge and understanding of the Father.

The mother, the wife, is always in submission to the father. The father will say, this needs to be done, and don't do that. The mother will tell you how to do it. But if you choose to stand against the commandment, the mother is not going to let you skirt by. If you look at 1 Corinthians 13, love, that's a description of God. Yeah, it's his Spirit that it's describing. Exodus 34:6-7, his long-suffering, graciousness, kindness, that's the Spirit. And what does it say? *He will in no way acquit the guilty*. Why? Because it's in perfect harmony with the Father, the commandment.

I found this fascinating because Paul addresses this in 1 Timothy chapter 2, and he's speaking about women.

1Tm 2:14 Adam was not deceived, the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

1Tm 2:15 Notwithstanding, ...

Now, see, what is the woman? Well, I look at my woman, I look at my wife, and I realize the compassion, the empathy that just oozes from her,

1Tm 2:15 ... she shall be saved in parenting....

Why? Because she naturally has that empathy for her children. But you can let that go to the point of destruction. You destroy them because you're not balanced. So she will be saved. What's saved? Redeemed from iniquity. She'll be redeemed through her parenting. As she learns, yeah, I've got this sympathy, but you know what? I'm in submission to my husband. And my husband has a knowledge of the law, of right and wrong. And yes, I can show my children empathy, but I will in no way acquit you if you're guilty. There's the Father, see, pointing to the Father, to his understanding.

Remember the woman caught in adultery, and Jesus forgave her? See, there's the Mother. That's the action of the Mother. He had empathy, sympathy for her. Then he writes on the ground. I'll guarantee you he wrote the law because that's the Father. And you see the Father again when he tells her, *"Go and sin no more."* There is the Mother and Father.

As I went through reading the Gospels, I came to the rich young ruler, and he says, *"What must I do to have life?"* What does Jesus say? *"Keep the commandments."* And he says, *"I've done this from my youth up."* Next verse, *"Jesus looked on him and loved him... he loved him, and told him, 'Go sell what you've got and come and follow me.'"* That's the Mother. There is no condemnation. Every time Jesus healed anyone, that's the Mother. That is the compassion of a mother. As God gave him the ability to do it, he was portraying the Mother. He possessed the Spirit without measure.

I have been praying that for all of us, that we would possess the spirit without measure. What does that mean? When I prayed that prayer, I wasn't even sure what it meant. I just knew that it was a good thing. We need this. Honestly, in my mind, I'm thinking, well, that must be information. You know, that's information to have the Spirit without measure. It isn't. It's to live your life in the spirit of a mother toward her children. *Jerusalem above is the mother of all of us.* We know each other's mother, and we need to look on each other through the eyes of a mother, the Mother.

That is what he means in Romans 8:11. *The Spirit of God will quicken your mortal flesh.* I want to give you an example. Martha and I are going to go on a walk, and it's cold. Ice

and snow on the road, you know, you're bundled up. I go out, I walk down to the end of the yard, waiting for her. Finally, she comes out, and instead of coming directly to me and starting the walk, she sees that part of her garden, some ornaments that she had in the garden, had blown across the street. So off she goes to get that.

She finally comes back to the garden, and she doesn't just put it back. She starts fiddling with this, that, and the other. It's like, I'm standing here, freezing. I want to get going, and you're over there working in the garden, and it hit me: Why don't you look at her through the eyes of a mother? Well, I thought of my daughter, Ariel, and I thought, "What would be happening to you right now if that were Ariel?"

I realized, gosh, I would enjoy this so much because I like to see her function in life. I like to see her sweep the floor, you know, straighten the chair, fix the blinds. Why? Because I love to see how she has developed in the way she thinks. I totally enjoy it. When I looked at Martha through those eyes, I realized, gosh, I'm so proud of her the way she takes care of that garden and the way... It all changed completely. I wasn't angry anymore. I wasn't impatient anymore. What happened?

The Spirit of God quickened my mortal flesh and turned me from the iniquity. What I am sharing with you could possibly be the greatest truth in the Bible. God has the ability to give us all the spirit of a mother. This is a great mystery. Through his Son, the Father, the Mother, and the smoking furnace were able to pass over the wall of iniquity and enter into an infinite mind, again, and begin to fill all things.

Everything in your life should be looked at through the eyes of the Holy Spirit, the Mother. I looked at how the water and the blood equal the spirit. Just bear with me. 1 John 5, the water is an understanding. The blood is the record made from that understanding... the guilt you've had, the anger you've had toward people. But the spirit is the result of that. I realize, wow, that is a perfect explanation of death. That spirit cannot exist without the water and blood.

If you take away the water and blood, the spirit doesn't exist. Once that spirit is separated from the body, why do you say the body? Because the water and the record of it are in your mind. It's in your brain. And when that spirit is separated, when the brain dies, there is no water. There is no record for that spirit to exist. So I thought, "Well then,

Lord, what am I? I'm not the water, I'm not blood, I'm not the spirit ... all of that is within me. What am I?"

Well, you and I are the ones who believed and accumulated the water. The water produces how you treat people and how they treat you, the record, producing the spirit. You are the guy who accumulates the water. God is the husband of the spirit. He's the creator of it. God possesses the water, the record, and his Spirit is from that. His Spirit is produced or seen from his water and his record.

Remember at the cross, you die on the cross... and when they stabbed Jesus' side, out came water and blood. God changes your water, your understanding. He changes the record. You're forgiven of iniquity, of guilt. You're released of guilt and anger toward other people. He changes your water. He changes the blood and produces in you his Holy Spirit. He gives you the spirit of a mother, which causes you to have empathy.

You become what? A harper harping on your harp. You're not banging a drum. You're harping. You're soft, compassionate. You have the spirit of a Mother and the knowledge of the Father, and the two are perfectly balanced. They need to be perfectly balanced within you so that we can live in peace with one another. But you will by no means acquit the guilty, the guilty person who refuses to repent, who has that knowledge of God, and refuses to repent. The Holy Spirit will by no means acquit that person.

That is the Holy Spirit spoken of in Exodus 34:6-7, the kindness, the grace. All of that is the Spirit of God, and it's based on the knowledge God has, and that is what he is giving us... His knowledge, his Spirit.

We are his church, and we are living examples of the power of the cross, the mystery, the great mystery... the great mystery, we possess the Holy Spirit or the Mother. We possess the Mother, and we can look through the eyes of a mother and walk in harmony with Jesus Christ and with one another.