



Daily Reflections

November 21, 2016

Scripture

Revelation 14:1-3, 4-5

I, John, looked and there was the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

I heard a sound from heaven

like the sound of rushing water or a loud peal of thunder.

The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.

They were singing what seemed to be a new hymn before the throne, before the four living creatures and the elders.

No one could learn this hymn except the hundred and forty-four thousand who had been ransomed from the earth.

These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

They have been ransomed as the first fruits of the human race for God and the Lamb.

On their lips no deceit has been found; they are unblemished.

Our Scripture Reflection

Today's text contains a most victorious image for God's holy people. In his vision, John sees the Lamb of God (Jesus) on the Mountain with 144,000 people. Why 144,000? This is not a limiting number so as to say, "only 144,000." Rather, 144,000 represents the 12 tribes of Israel times the 12 apostles times 1,000 which was considered the largest of sums. In other words, on that great and victorious day, many who were faithful to God through trial and tribulation will be "marked" as God's faithful people who will inherit eternal life with the victorious Lamb. May you be one of them!

Food for your Journey

If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.

—C.S. Lewis.

God's hard instructions are never his last words to us, for the woe, the waste and the tears of life belong to its interlude, not its finale.

—F.B. Meyer.

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Pour forth Your Grace upon me so that in the midst of my daily struggles, large and small, I may remain absolutely faithful to You. Amen.