

New Song from Heaven
Revelation 14:1-5

1. Satan appeared as a great red dragon, a sea beast, and a land beast, and all people fell under the clutches of the devil. When John turned his eyes and looked around, what was a completely different scene in heaven?
2. The NIV translates verse 1 as "Then I looked", which fails to express the surprised tone of the original text. This sentence can be translated as: "I looked. Ah!" or "I looked. Oh!" to express great surprise. Have you ever had such an "Ah!" or "Oh!" moment in your faith experience?
3. Today, even if the evil ones are in power, the truth is opposed, and sin is widespread, how can believers avoid falling into discouragement or even doubting God?
4. The 144,000 who stand with the Lamb in heaven had "his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads." Are these 144,000 the same group of people in Chapter 7:4? How do you come to this conclusion?
5. 144,000 people on earth were sealed on their foreheads and received special protection from God. The 144,000 people in heaven have the name of the Lamb and the name of God the Father written on their foreheads. What are their assigned missions?
6. Close your eyes and imagine. How does John try to describe this choir of 144,000 members?
7. What choice will you make between being raptured early to praise God in heaven or staying on earth to bear witness to the Lord? Why?
8. In fact, this option does not apply to us, because the 144,000 people on earth are limited to Jews. How then can we be chosen to join this choir that sings a new song of victory?
9. "Not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins." may be misunderstood as discriminating against women. Can you provide a deeper spiritual meaning? What hint does this give us that these people are "They were purchased from among mankind and offered as first fruits to God and the Lamb"?
10. The first condition for joining the choir is not the quality of the singing voice, but being blameless. How can believers achieve such the highest spiritual state?