

A blurry background image showing a large group of people from behind, their hands raised in what appears to be a church service or a religious gathering. The colors are warm, with a gradient from yellow to red.

Heaven our Forever Home

Rev. 7

7 Then I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds so they did not blow on the earth or the sea, or even on any tree. 2 And I saw another angel coming up from the east, carrying the seal of the living God. And he shouted to those four angels, who had been given power to harm land and sea, 3 “Wait! Don’t harm the land or the sea or the trees until we have placed the seal of God on the foreheads of his servants.”

<sup>4</sup> And I heard how many were marked with the seal of God—144,000 were sealed from all the tribes of Israel: from Judah 12,000, from Reuben 12,000, from Gad 12,000, from Asher 12,000, from Naphtali 12,000, from Manasseh 12,000, from Simeon 12,000, from Levi 12,000 from Issachar 12,000, from Zebulun 12,000 from Joseph 12,000, form Benjamin 12,000.

<sup>9</sup> After this I saw a vast crowd, too great to count,  
from every nation and tribe and people and language,  
standing in front of the throne and before the Lamb.  
They were clothed in white robes and held palm  
branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they were shouting  
with a great roar,  
“Salvation comes from our God who sits on the  
throne and from the Lamb!”

11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living beings. And they fell before the throne with their faces to the ground and worshiped God. 12 They sang,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength belong to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the twenty-four elders asked me,  
“Who are these who are clothed in white? Where  
did they come from?”

14 And I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who  
knows.”

Then he said to me, “These are the ones who died  
in the great tribulation. They have washed their  
robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them  
white.

15 “That is why they stand in front of God’s throne  
and serve him day and night in his Temple.

And he who sits on the throne  
will give them shelter.

16 They will never again be hungry or thirsty;  
they will never be scorched by the heat of the sun.

17 For the Lamb on the throne will be their Shepherd.  
He will lead them to springs of life-giving water.  
And God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

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# I. Will there be different nationalities in heaven?

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Ps 67:4 (NLT) <sup>4</sup> Let the whole world sing for joy,  
because you govern the nations with justice  
and guide the people of the whole world.

Ps 72:11 (NLT) <sup>11</sup> All kings will bow before  
him, and all nations will serve him.

Jer. 3:17 (NLT) <sup>17</sup>In that day Jerusalem will be known as ‘The Throne of the LORD.’ All nations will come there to honor the LORD. They will no longer stubbornly follow their own evil desires.

Rev. 15:4 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> Who will not fear you, Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy.  
All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous deeds have been revealed.”

Rev. 2:26

<sup>26</sup> To all who are victorious, who obey me to the very end,  
To them I will give authority over all the nations.

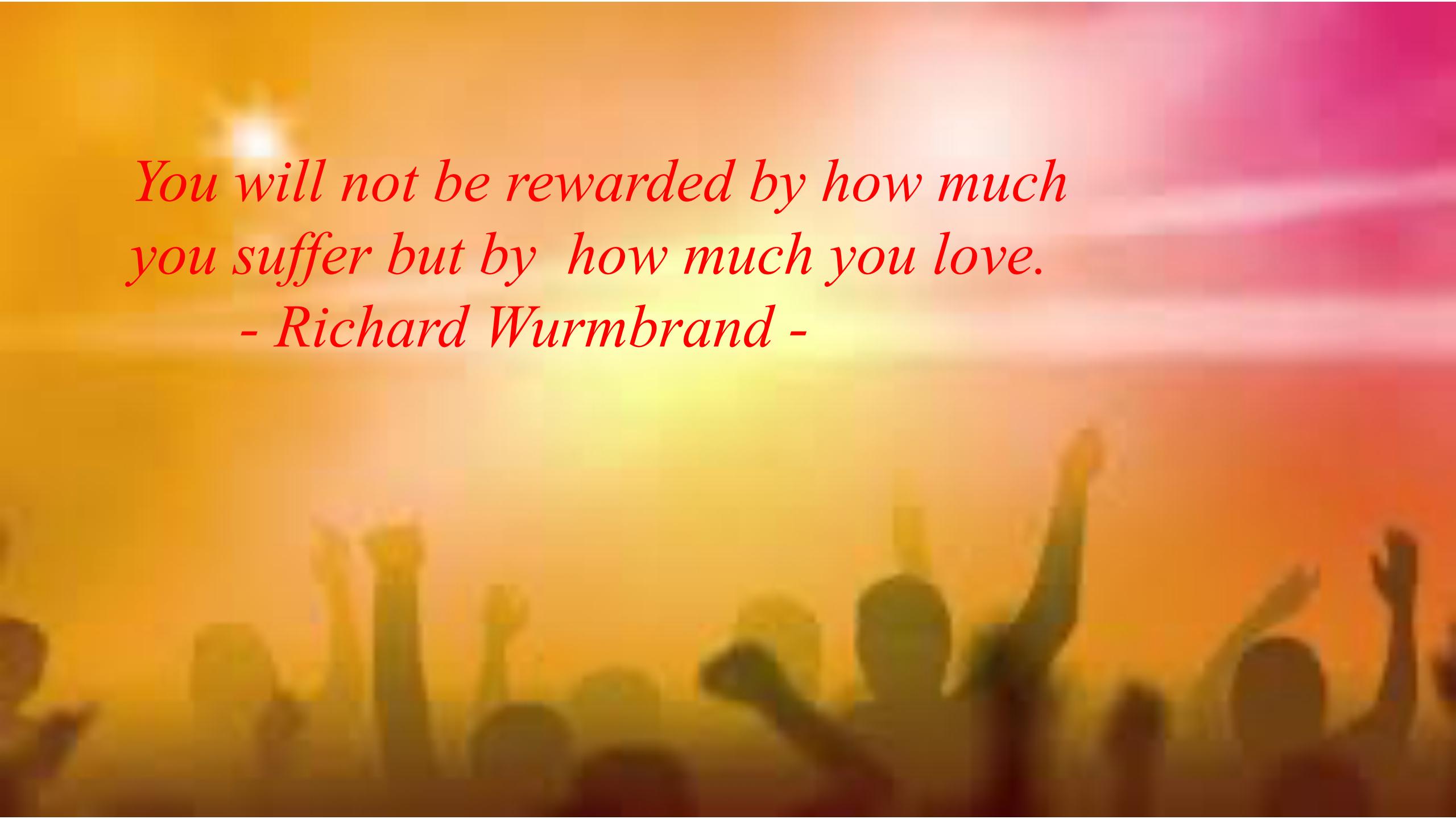
II. Though there will be different races,  
cultures, languages, dialects and people  
groups, there will be no racism.



A. We must recognize that every person -  
every nationality is an image bearer.

B. We must understand God is at work in  
the midst of the chaos.

- C. We mustn't get distracted.
- D. Above all else we must love.

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*You will not be rewarded by how much  
you suffer but by how much you love.*

*- Richard Wurmbrand -*