

Revelation - Part 3 - Lecture 1

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Knowing Who God Is & Living Accordingly

Rev. Pt 3: Less 1:

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Are you living without knowing Who God is?

How many years, days, or minutes do you have left? No one knows for sure. But you do have right now **Every** single tomorrow

should be lived in the light of the knowledge of **Who God is**. Are those in the church living according to Who God is? Do we really know Who God is? What is wrong with our nation? What is wrong with this generation? What is wrong with this world?

“What’s wrong” is that they don’t know Who God is.

If you and I know Who God is, are we living according to Who He is? Are we living a **lifeworthy** of Who God is? If not, someday we will stand before Him and give an account for how we lived our life.

What is the hope of our nation?

The only hope is to be confronted with Who God is. That is what we are not doing. When we know Who God is we can make a rational decision as to whether we are going to **honor** God as God and live in the light of Who He is. Then whatever your response, at least you will have made it with a clear mind and you will know where you are headed. The burden for us taking this course is are we going to see God seated on His throne, see the events that are coming and know the sign of His coming and the end of this age and live the way we lived **before** this knowledge? **Don’t do it!** We would be fools to not let what we are seeing change the way we live. We have only 11 weeks so stick with it. We may not come up with every answer but we will get enough of a **glimpse of God** to see that He is **worthy** to receive glory and honor and power. Seeing these things about God, we will then know **how we are to live**. Live accordingly and let others know Who He is.

Rev 4:11 *“Worthy art Thou, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for Thou didst create all things, and because of Thy will they existed, and were created.”*

This song of praise comes from the 4 living creatures (lion, calf, face of man, eagle) who stand before God’s throne and cry **“Holy, holy, holy”**. Saying *holy* twice gives it emphasis but saying *holy* 3x moves into the superlative. The lion is the king of the beasts. The ox/calf is a symbol of strength. The face of man is he who is above the other creatures, with the ability to communicate. The eagle is he majestic one, who when he is ready to die anchors himself on a rock and looks straight into the face of the sun until he dies.

These four living creatures do not rest day and night.

Rev 4:8 *And the four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around and within; and day and night they do not cease to say, “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, is THE LORD GOD, THE ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND WHO IS AND WHO IS TO COME.”*

Is God worthy?

Those who have been closest to Him, who have been there from the beginning, cry out that God is **“HOLY”** or set apart, without taint, a Being of total & absolute perfection. “Holy” sums up all of the attributes of God. Those that hear every decree from the throne, who see how He rules and reigns, cry “Holy, holy, holy.” Why? Because He is worthy.

WHAT DOES “WORTHY” MEAN?

Worthy: *axios* from *ago* (to weigh something). So Worthy means to give an estimate or to give value to something. Worthy means **inherent value**, the value that is within not because of what God has done but bc of Who He is. God has **INHERENT VALUE**. His worth does not come from something apart from Himself.

What is God worthy of?

Rev 4:11 **TEACHES THAT God is to receive...**

1). **GLORY**: *doxa* (Cp. “doxology”) and means ‘to think, to recognize, to have an opinion’ and comes from the word which means “to seem”. So **GLORY** means to recognize, to have an opinion. So when we give God glory, it means that **WE RECOGNIZE HIM FOR WHO HE IS**. What is the problem in our society? Man does not have a correct opinion of **Who God is**. He has failed to recognize God for Who He is. Is the church in America **living** according to Who God is? No, not really bc if we were our society would not be the way it is. We are the salt of the earth, and salt stops the spread of corruption. **A life lived according to Who God is gives Him glory.**

2). **HONOR**: *time* which is reverence, proper esteem. We revere God by **fearing** him.

3). **POWER**: *dunamis* means to be able or capable. He is capable of performing everything we see in the word of God. He is capable of running this universe. He is capable of dealing with you as His child. He is capable of dealing with the unjust and the rebellious angelic hosts. Why is He capable (using the “5 W’s and an H”)? Because He has created all things. Nothing in life

happens apart from God's intention/will/purpose. God is saying that we exist because He willed us to exist. And yes God willed the devil to exist but not the devil's **choice to desire** to be like God.

Nothing exists apart from God's will

will: Thelema comes from *thelo*, which means "to will". The "-*ma*" on the end means the result of His will. It is not the result of demand but it is an expression of desire, an expression of pleasure.

God would tell each of us that we exist because **He desires us to exist**. We exist because it is His "**good pleasure**" that we exist. This is why He is worthy to receive glory and honor and power. He has created all things. How? By His **will**. Because He wants them to exist. And if He created you, then don't you need to recognize that truth and live accordingly. Evolution says that we evolved from a lower form of life. If so then there is nothing special about us. You may say "*But evolution is scientific.*" No it is not. There is no scientific proof whatsoever. Evolution is man's idea and it came ultimately from "*the pit of hell.*"

God wants you to know that **He has created you for His pleasure**, to bring Him joy. So when **THELEMA** is used of God, it indicates what God did of His good pleasure

Col 1:15 *And He is the image of the invisible God, the First-born of all creation (This does not mean Jesus was created but that He was there before creation.) 16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created by Him and for Him.*

So why were you created? You were created **for God, for His good pleasure**. Are you living for His pleasure or for your own pleasure? Are you living according to Who He is? Are you living according to the fact that He is worthy to receive glory and honor and power?

"WORTHY"

in Revelation 5

Rev 5:1 *And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.*

HIM WHO SAT ON THE THRONE God the Father, Creator of all things... in the beginning God-**Elohim**--created the heavens and the earth. The "-*im*" ending in Hebrew is PLURAL.

Compare to **Gen 1:26** "*Let Us--Father, Son, Holy Spirit--make man in our image...* ".

Rev 1:4 *John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come; (the only description like this in the Bible, referring to the eternity of God) and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne; (symbolizes the Holy Spirit... He sees whether you are living a life that is worthy) 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, (the first Man to be resurrected from the dead, to conquer hell and death, to live and to die no more) and the ruler of the kings of the earth. (not yet seen but Revelation will show the fulfillment of this truth) To Him Who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood,*

We are no longer slaves to sin. The captive has been set free by the blood of Jesus Christ and is no longer slave to sin because if the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed **John 8:36**. Kay describes how she previously was an adulteress but not any more bc she has been released from the power of that lust. The God of this world had blinded her eyes (**2 Cor 4:4**) but Jesus took the scales off so that she could see His Truth. Now she can live a life worthy of the calling of Christ Jesus and you can too. Kay now knows Who God is and because she knows Who God is she no longer lives the way she used to live. And this "knowing" has become Christ in her Who sets her free. So it's not just knowing the truth but it's receiving and applying truth.

Rev 5:1 *And I saw in the right hand of Him Who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals.*

The SCROLL contains 7 seals and out of the 7th seal ultimately come the 7 bowl judgments. These judgments bring the end of the dominion of Satan and the reign of sinful man.

Rev 5:2 *And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy (Who has the inherent value) to open the book and to break its seals?" 3 And no one in heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look into it. (No one could even look into it... not even a glimpse. And yet God gave the revelation to Jesus Christ that He might reveal to us what is inside those seals. We can know because Jesus is worthy.) 4 And I began to weep greatly, because no one was found worthy (no one had the inherent value) to open the book, or to look into it; (John must have known somehow that in this scroll was*

the ultimate revelation of holiness, righteousness, justice, truth, mercy, and the just judgment of God that would bring it all to an end and that would place Jesus Christ on the throne as King of kings and Lord of lords. But no one was worthy) *5 and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the **Lion** that is from the tribe of Judah,(a descendant of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) the Root of David, (if you trace Christ's genealogy, it goes back to David) has **overcome** ([1Jn5:4](#) For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world-- our faith. Jesus overcame bc He kept the commandments of His Father. He overcame bc He believed God.) so as to open the book and its seven seals."* *6 And I saw between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a Lamb standing, as if slain, (slain is perfect tense which means a past completed action with a present and continuing result. What He did in the past has an import for all eternity.) having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth. (Jesus walked by the Spirit.)* *7 And He came, and He took it out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.* *8 And when He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.* *9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.* *10 "And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."* (Know that He is worthy... worthy of everything we have and of everything we are. He is worthy of living for. He is worthy of dying for.)

WHY IS HE WORTHY?

Because He paid the price with His blood so that we don't have to live in sin. He is worthy because no one can say to Him that He did not provide the way of escape. But He did... He paid for it with His blood. What was lost to willful disobedience, but belonged to God, Jesus has redeemed by walking into the slave market of sin. He purchased us from the slave block of sin and set us free. This freedom is not so that we might roam about on this earth but that we would be a KINGDOM, (note that "kingdom" implies a "KING"! PRIESTS unto our God. We need to proclaim this message to the world. The world must understand WHO GOD IS so that they can make a rational decision. Knowing WHO GOD IS they have to know also the CONSEQUENCES of **not HONORING HIM AS GOD**. They do not have to live in that sinful lifestyle. They can be set free. Jesus Christ conquered sin and death. Jesus' Death & Resurrection broke the stranglehold of principalities and powers (under Satan's dominion) over CREATION.

Jesus' death liberated mankind

[Col2:13](#) *And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, 14 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.* (JESUS CHRIST: THE ONE WHO IS WORTHY.)

JESUS' MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH AT SARDIS

This church was dead, like so many churches in our time, even though they have a reputation that they are alive. They are not alive but "deader than a doornail"

[Rev 3:4](#) *'But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments;and they will walk with Me in white; for they are **worthy**.*

The One Who sits on the throne is WORTHY. He created you. We exist because of His good pleasure. Satan blinded us. We believed the lie. But there is another One Who is WORTHY and that One is the LAMB OF GOD Who sets you free from what Satan did to you. He purchased you with His blood. He made you to be a kingdom unto God. And He says in Revelation ([Rev 5:10](#), [20:6](#), [22:5](#)) that we will **reign** forever and ever. But those that reign are those that are WORTHY. And those that are WORTHY are those that walk with Him in WHITE, those that walk having their garments cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. They are those that walk hearing what the Spirit says to the churches. All though Rev 2&3 the admonition is 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' and to him "**THAT OVERCOMES**". Those that walk with Him in white are worthy (of inherent value). They are made to be of inherent value by the Spirit of God Who lives inside of them. The Lamb dwells inside and so we should walk WORTHY of the vocation to which He has called us. We need to let our world and our society know WHO GOD IS and that they can live a life that has WORTH & VALUE.

[Rev 5:12](#) ... "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." *13 And every created thing which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, "To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever."*

Some day ALL CREATION will say it. Someday all will bow and proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Recognize this now "*precious one*" before it is too late. Know how long you have... no one knows how many tomorrows they have.

don't live like a fool.

live knowing Who your God is.

He is WORTHY.

He is worthy to be WORSHIPPED.